

The Needs of a Single Parent

Key Scripture: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Ps. 32:8).

Key Thought: The greatest of all parents is helping you.

Prayer: Dear God, your Word assures me that no evil will befall me or my children, and that the angels of heaven will keep us in all our ways. I claim this promise especially for my children, and I know that angelic protection will bear them up and keep them safe.] Thank you, Father.

Guide me in my parenting, Lord.² I receive your words, and I hide your commands in my heart. As I do this, my heart inclines to your wisdom, and I apply my heart to your understanding. I cry for your knowledge, and I lift up my voice for understanding. I seek your wisdom as silver, and I search for your wisdom as I would search for a hidden treasure. Thank you, Father, for enabling me to understand the reverential fear of you, and for helping me to know you, for you have given me wisdom, and from your mouth I receive knowledge and understanding.³

Lord God, my children are so important to me. I realize that they are a wonderful heritage you have given to me. My precious children are a reward from your hands.⁴ Help me to love my children the way they need to be loved.⁵ Lord, you have promised to be a parent to my children and to me.^b Thank you, Father. I am so grateful that you are willing to share the responsibilities of parenting with me, and you are showing me how to be an effective parent at all times, through your guidance.

References: (1) Psalms 91:10-11; (2) Psalms 32:8; (3) Proverbs 2:1-6; (4) Psalms 127:3; (5) Ephesians 5:2; (6) Psalms 68:5.