

Talk for Tualatin Valley branch. Nov 21, 1999

Theme: “Children are an Heritage to the Lord (Psalms 127:3)”

Proclamation on the Family Paragraph 6:

“Children are an Heritage to the Lord” (Psalms 127:3). Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, to teach them to love and serve one another, to observe the commandments of God and to be law-abiding citizens wherever they may live. Husbands and wives – mothers and fathers – will be held accountable before God for the discharge of these obligations.

- Note on Families and singles. President Richardson teaches: We have a tendency to think of a family as a father, mother and children and if that is not the case we might feel that “I’m not part of a family”. That is not true. If there is just a husband and wife, that is your family. If there is just a father or mother and children, that is your family. If it is just you, that is your family.
- Important to be sensitive to singles and single parent families in this talk.
- Parents sacred duty
- Mosiah 4:14:15 Teach them
See Teaching the Gospel in the Home below
 - Love one another & serve
 - Ways of the Lord
 - Treatment of fellow man
 - Service
 - Keep commandments
 - Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child....”
 - D&C 6:57-60 Teach Gospel
 - Mosiah 4:14 not quarel or fight
 - D&C 68:25-27 Don’t teach, sin on head of parents
 - D&C 93:40 “Bring up in Light & Truth..”
- If you love them – discipline them
 - Proverbs 13:24 ‘spare the rod....”
 - Proverbs 29:15
 - Proverbs 23:13
 - We chasten those whom we love
- Provide Physical needs
 - Childrens “needs” over our selfish “wants”
 - D&C 83:4 Claim on parents
 - Mosiah 4:14

- D&C section 121 – patience, longsuffering

Analogy

Imagine sending your child to go live and be taught by someone else somewhere

- What would you look for
- What would you want them to do
- How would you like them to treat your child

Like Heavenly Father sending his children to us.