

7 POWERFUL DECLARATIONS OVER YOUR CHILDREN

A 7 Day Devotional to help see
your children through God's eyes.



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*Death and life are in
the power of the
tongue, and those who
love it and indulge in
it will eat its fruit and
bear the consequences
of their words.*

PROVERBS 18:21



INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents,

The words of your mouth indeed have power! What we speak over our children will decide what they will become. Words that proclaim destiny, that affirm identity, kingship and authority set forth a strong platform for our children to walk with God.

Right from the time when a child is formed in a womb, as the child is being knit his spirit is responding to your words. Therefore as parents, we have to train ourselves to declare God's spoken word over our children and when we do so we will see the declaration of our mouth becoming reality.

This **7 Day devotional** is for you, parents to proclaim the Father's heart over your children. It is desirable if both parents can together participate in reading this devotional and lay hands on your children and declare the power of God's spoken Word over them.

And, all heaven backs you up to bring into manifestation what you believe and declare!

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Day 1

MY CHILD IS MADE
IN THE IMAGE OF GOD



*“For in the
image of God
He made
man.”*

GENESIS 9:6B



The day you held your child in your hands, apart from looking in awe at the newborn you were silently searching for physical features that matched yours, isn't it?

It brings us great joy when someone comments, "He/She looks like you." This fact is biologically natural because of the DNA that flows in the child. How much more then should we rejoice when we see the image of God in our children?

I have seen children being treated differently because of colour, sex, intelligence, performance, etc. Why do we forget that our children are "fearfully and wonderfully made"? Why are we dissatisfied or at times even detest the way our children look? Can anything ugly come from a loving Father?

I believe the concept of ugly is manmade. When we look at a crocodile, a sloth, or a walrus many of us will say, "How ugly!" but let's not forget when God made them on the earth He said, "It is good.", which meant even the animals that are on the 'world's ugliest' list. Who decides this when in God's eyes what He has created is good! To God, everything He has made is good; there is nothing He has created that is unsightly in His eyes.

The way you look at your child will determine how the child will accept his physical being. Your child's impairments will become his strength as you begin to perceive them as 'good'. As you begin to envision your child's destiny in Christ, you will declare the perfect truth over your child.

Your child is unique and precious in God's sight. Regardless of the world standards, your child is stunning! Your child is made the way he is because our God, the Loving Father has a beautiful plan and purpose that no one can take away.



“My child is made in the image of God!”

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, Thank You for this word. I recognize Your image in my children. Forgive me for the times when I have been unjust

towards my children because of certain physical features or impairments. I receive Your beautiful gift, my children wholeheartedly, and choose to love them the way you love them. I declare Your perfect will in their lives.

Amen.

Day 2

MY CHILD IS A CO-HEIR
WITH CHRIST



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And if [we are His]
children, [then we are His]
heirs also: heirs of God and
Fellow heirs with Christ
[sharing His spiritual
blessing and inheritance],
if indeed we share in His
suffering so that we may
also share in His glory.

ROMANS 8:17 (AMP)



But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name. – John 1:12

This is the childlike faith that Jesus is talking about in **Matthew 18:2-5**, where you tell a child of the goodness of God he believes it, the child doesn't verify or doubt, just believes. And when he believes he receives the sonship of The Living God.

Our children grow and profess their faith in Christ even at a tender age, and are sealed to be called the children of God.

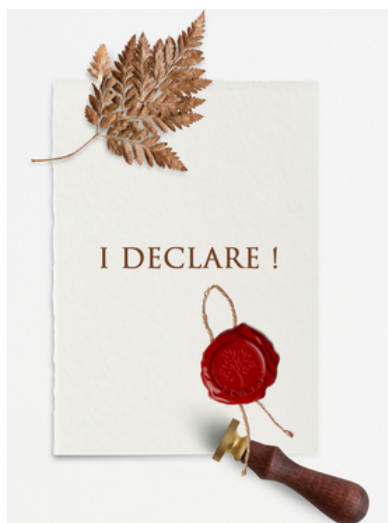
Let us always be reminded of the identity of our children. They belong to Christ and we are entrusted to nurture them and bring them up in His ways. We have to consciously make every effort to help our children recognize their true selves and that is in Christ. As they recognize, they will believe, and as they believe they will walk as children of the Living God.

The imperfections in our children at times make us wonder if they are acceptable to our God. We wait for the time when our children take that decision to follow Christ and believe since then they are sealed to be called His children. It is time we change this mindset!

With all our imperfections if God calls us His children then why not our children. It is for us to begin to proclaim this reality and live it aloud. Our walk as a child of God will change the whole aura in the family that even the youngest child in the family will profess to be the child of God.

Declaring your child to be the child of the Living God is a battle cry of spiritual warfare.

You are claiming your children's sonship, your children's right to be called HIS OWN.



“My Child Is A Co-Heir With Christ.”

Prayer:

Thank You, Lord, for Your love. Thank You for loving my children and accepting them as Your very own. I believe with all my heart

they belong to You and I dedicate them to You. Help me to show my children Your love in all that I say and do. I surrender myself to Your guidance to bring up my children in your ways. In name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

DAY 3

MY CHILD POSSESSES THE MANDATE TO RULE THE EARTH



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“ God blessed them [granting them certain authority] and said to them, “Be Fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subjugate it [putting it under your power]; and rule over (dominate) the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

GENESIS 1:28 (AMP)



When God created the world and everything in it, His original plan was that man rule the earth along with Him. This plan was ruined when sin entered this world but the resurrection power of Jesus Christ reversed Satan's plan of destruction and bought us by His precious blood, back to His eternal original plan.

(Romans 5:17)

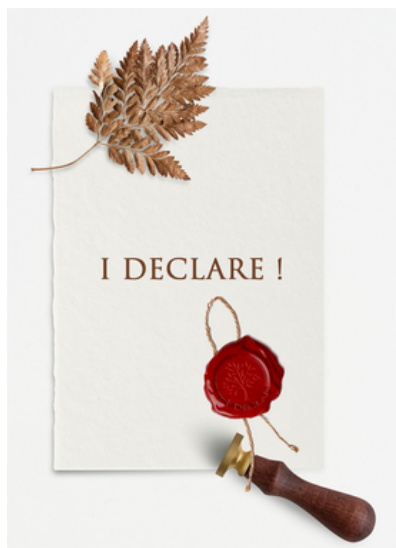
'To Rule' doesn't mean enslaving, ruling is possessing an authority to bring forth life and growth, it comes with a mandate to be responsible to nurture and love.

If we believe that Jesus Christ has brought us back to The Original Plan to rule over the earth we got to help our children to believe so and act accordingly.

As a teen when I heard the true-life story of Sadu Sundar Singh, I was amazed at the instances when he walked through forest areas wild animals would just pass by him. As he slept they would sit beside him. I do believe that when we recognize the power of Christ within us we begin to walk with dominion. This doesn't imply that we put our children before wild animals, but yes, we got to help them recognize the responsibility that God has given them. **Genesis 1:28** is an order to us to take care of the earth and the things in it.

God has given us the authority to bring back what Satan has ruined. Like Joshua, we have a command on our lips, and nature will listen to us. It is for us to go forth and rule in faith. If the evil one has implemented ways to destroy this earth, how much more does God have ideas and ways to reverse things back to as it was?

You as a parent have that power to instill this truth in your child, and so start by declaring it!



“My child possesses a mandate to rule the earth.”

Prayer:

Lord, I Thank You for this revelation. I believe that we are called to rule the earth and You have given this mandate to my

children as well. Teach me, Lord, to walk in faith and lead my children to believe in Your truth. As I declare that my children have the mandate to rule the earth, I pray Your glory would fill them and enable them to hear your voice.

Amen

Day 4

MY CHILD IS THE
TEMPLE OF GOD



Do you not know that
your body is a temple of
the Holy Spirit who is
within you, whom you have
[received as a gift] from
God and that you are not
your own [property]?

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19



I was teaching my 1 year-old niece the other day to show her where Jesus lives and held her hand against her chest as an answer. A quick learner as she is, she taps her chest every time I now ask her, where is Jesus?

The God of this universe, The Almighty, The King over all, chooses to live in us and with us. How amazing is this fact, isn't it? The Holy Spirit resides within us, He resides within our children.

You may then ask, "Why it is said to accept Jesus, ask Jesus into your life if He already exists within." When a child is conceived and life begins, it is not just the body that is being formed. The very existence of the child is its spirit that is connected with its creator. The Holy Spirit is always connected to His creation. As the child grows with a conscious mind he decides to follow Christ and this is where we see our Loving Father giving us the freedom of choice.

Therefore as parents, we are called to nurture these initial days of the child and preserve this connection with God till the child makes a conscious decision.

To preserve at first you got to believe that your children are the temple of God. Once you believe it, help your child recognize it and lead them to acknowledge it and revere it.

As your children learn to live with His presence they will be quick to respond to His voice. They will begin to understand your guidelines of modesty and will obey you not just to please you but to honor God's presence in them. They will naturally begin to love their body as a gift from God.

You are ordained to preserve and refresh the reality of God's presence in your children's life.

Declare it!



"My child is the Temple of the Holy Spirit."

Prayer:

Thank You, Lord, for residing in my children. I believe that you hold my child together with your presence. Help me Lord to help

my children recognize Your presence and revere it as they grow. Help them be conscious of Your presence in them all the days of their life.

Amen.

Day 5

MY CHILD IS AN
AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST



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*“So we are
ambassadors
for Christ”*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20



Paul very well recognized his designation in Christ. We are God's representatives to spread God's love to the world. How different are our children from us? They too represent Christ wherever they go.

An ambassador is a representative of one's government for a good cause. He is an agent that holds the highest rank given to him by the government he represents.

Our God has appointed us and our children to be ambassadors for Him, we are accredited with the highest rank to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. Our children carry the same rank and are called to witness for Christ among nations. We are all on a co-mission with Christ – to spread the gospel to all nations. (Matthew 28:19-20)

An ambassador, with this designation, is given authority to fulfill his mission. Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:18 entrusts us with the same authority that He has to fulfill His mission – to spread the good news of His love to all nations.

An ambassador, with the responsibility that he carries to another country, is given the best security. Similarly, our children, the ambassadors for Christ, have the best bodyguard, God's guardian angels that surround them wherever they go.

When God has qualified this rank to our children who are we to nullify it? He trusts our children to represent Him wherever they go. We have seen children boldly stand for what God wants them to do, they speak about Jesus to their friends without any inhibitions, and it is we adults who out of fear stop them at times. As parents, we got to support their stand for Christ and also teach them how they can do so without offending anyone's sentiments.

As we declare their position in the kingdom of God we will be equipped to build them up as worthy ambassadors for Christ.



*"My child is an
ambassador For Christ."*

Prayer:

Thank You, Lord, for choosing us to be Your representatives on this earth. Give me the wisdom to guide my children to live this

reality. Give me the boldness and courage to stand with my children as they take a stand for You. As a family, we choose to live as an ambassador for You. Amen.

Day 6

MY CHILD IS A
PRIEST OF GOD



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But you are a chosen race,
a Royal Priesthood, a
consecrated nation, a
[special] people for God's
possession, so that you may
proclaim the excellences
[the wonderful deeds and
virtues and perfections] of
Him who called you out of
darkness into His
marvellous light.

1 PETER 2:9



When we hear the word priest we remember one person, Aaron who had to bring the sacrifices of the people to God. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ has eliminated this task and has reconciled us to the Father.

It is through Christ we are made righteous and by His grace, we can now face the throne room without any guilt.

Peter here declares that we are a chosen people to whom God has given the power and authority to share the good news of His love with the lost world. And our sacrifice as a Royal Priesthood is to “consider others better than yourselves in humility” and “always do good to others.” Such a sacrifice is pleasing to God! (Philippians 2:3, Hebrews 13:16)

If this is a clear understanding of what Peter has to say, this is what God has for our children. God considers our children a royal priesthood that declares His praises to the nations and is called to share God’s love with all.

Our children have the mandate to exhibit the Father’s heart to the world and the Father’s heart only speaks of His love. As a priestly sacrifice, we ought to train our children to honor others and give the needs of others the first preference.

As they recognize their identity in Christ they will flourish in every area and be a blessing to many around, their sacrifice will be pleasing to the Father. Let us remember here sacrifice is not to suffer but to respect others. Our children's selfless actions will reveal the selfless heart of the Father.

How much more then we have to declare this on the rooftop!



“My child is a priest of God!”

Prayer:

Thank You, Lord, for Your grace in our lives. It is by Your grace that we are made righteous. Thank You, Lord, for revealing to me how precious my children are!

I believe they are a royal priesthood called to proclaim Your name to the nations. Holy Spirit, guide us to help our children recognize their call in their life. Amen

Day 7

MY CHILD IS A JUDGE OF
THE WORLD AND FALLEN
ANGELS



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Do you not know that the saints (God's people) will [one day] judge the world? If the world is to be judged by you, are you not competent to try trivial (insignificant, petty) cases? Do you not know that we [believers] will judge angels? How much more then [as to] matters of this life?

1 CORINTHIANS 6: 2 & 3



The Hebrew word for judge is 'shofet', and "is closer in meaning to 'ruler', a kind of military leader or deliverer from potential or actual defeat." Therefore Paul in this verse is telling us that we are competent to judge the world one day i.e. we will help deliver people from actual defeat.

In Christ Jesus, we have the power and authority to judge the world!

Now the next part of the verse, tells us that if we are called to judge the world then aren't we capable of trying our smaller cases in our daily life? We must believe that every problem has a solution in Christ Jesus. As we walk in faith and obedience to the Word of God, the Holy Spirit will give you the wisdom to give fair verdicts to every challenging situation. Believe God's word as it says in vs 3 that if we are going to judge angels then how much more competent are we to judge the matters in our life. Ask for wisdom and the Lord will surely give you.

"Is your child ready to be a judge?" "Are we preparing our children to judge the world?" If your answer is no, then we have got to begin soon. How to prepare, the answer is in this verse itself. We begin by helping our children to face their challenges and not run away from them. We need to teach our children to believe that God has created them competent enough to fight their battles.

If they fail they are not failures, if they lose they are not losers. Rising and moving ahead is what God desires our children to do.

As our children begin to take the responsibility of rising and facing the challenges of their life they will begin to practice being a judge and when the time is right they will judge the world and angels.

Begin to declare as you foresee it to happen and you will see your children growing to be judges for Christ.



“My child is a judge of the world & Fallen angels.”

Prayer:

Thank You, Lord, for opening my eyes to Your truth. I believe, I am equipped to deal with my challenges. I trust You through

the storms of my life. Help me to walk in your truth. Help my children to seek Your wisdom as they face their challenges in life.

Amen.

Thank You!

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The name 'No Ordinary Parenting' takes its inspiration from Hebrew 11:23 (NIV).

By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

God used Moses to stir up a revival among 2 million Hebrews. But we also can't take away the credit for this from his parents, who could identify at his birth itself that their child was not ordinary, and hence they were not afraid to go against the king's edict. Their faith was contagious and went against worldly conventions and surely overflowed into Moses.

No Ordinary Parenting is a movement initiated to raise a mighty army of children who walk with the Living God.

And, who better to lead them than you, parents! Because the children God gave you are not ordinary, your parenting cannot be ordinary. And no, we are not talking about a parenting that is perfect, but a parenting that is led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:1).

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