

## **EIGHT BEGINNING STEPS TO PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

1. **A Life of Wisdom**
  - **Ephesians 1:17 NASB** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.
2. **A Life Under God's Protection**
  - B.L.E.S.S.
    - Bodies
    - Labor (school, work, hobbies, etc.)
    - Emotions
    - Social Relationships
    - Spiritual matters
3. **A Life Experiencing God's Favor**
4. **A Spirit-Filled Life**
  - *A Double Portion*
  - The Samuel Moment
  - The Baptism in the Holy Spirit
5. **An Understanding Of My Life Assignment**
  - The general call as a Christian
  - Service and fellowship in the local body
  - Vocational wisdom
6. **To Find The Right Mate**
  - A helper suited
  - True Love
  - Spirit, Soul, and Body Connection
7. **A Lifestyle That Pleases God**
  - Jesus Model
  - The Acts 4 Principle
  - A Biblical World View
8. **A Life that Understands The Father's Love**
  - **John 3:16 NASB** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

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## **MY EIGHT WISHES**

1. I wish I had spent more time praying **WITH THEM IN ADDITION** to praying **FOR THEM**.
2. I wish I had spent more time explaining and praying with them for the fullness of The Holy Spirit.
3. I wish I had let them lead family devotions as they got older.
4. I wish I'd fought harder for them and with them against unfair expectations they faced.
5. I wish I'd taken more time to listen to their questions before I answered them.
6. I wish I'd strategically shared more of my own battles (with heavy doses of wisdom, grace and sensitivity).
7. I wish I'd done a better job of journaling their childhood as a record for both them and me.
8. I wish I had done a better job of remembering how much **God Himself** loves and cares for my children.

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