



# CHRIST & CULTURE

**Week 3: Be Fruitful & Multiply**  
**Genesis 1:27**

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**Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the  
midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents  
and innocent as doves.**

*Matthew 10:16 ESV*

So God **created** man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male & female** he created them.

*Genesis 1:27 ESV*

**Be Fruitful and Multiply**



**And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth...”**

*Genesis 1:28 ESV*



# 1. Value Children

**Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in  
the hand of a warrior are the children of one's  
youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver  
with them!**

*Psalm 127:3-5 ESV*



For you **formed my inward parts**; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made**.

*Psalm 139:13-14 ESV*



**Eugenics** - A set of beliefs and practices that aim to improve the genetic quality of a human population.



**“Eugenics is the most adequate and thorough avenue to the solution of racial, political and social problems.”**

*Margaret Sanger*



**“Our vision should be of an America where  
abortion is Legal and Safe, but Rare.”**

*Bill Clinton*



## 2. Love Children

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, **“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”** And he laid his hands on them and went away.

*Matthew 19:13-15 ESV*



**Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**

*Ephesians 6:4 ESV*





**Benjamin West**

*British-American artist*

*2nd President of the Royal Academy*

*b.1738 - d.1820*





## **Christ Presenting a Little Child**

*Benjamin West (1738–1820)*

*Foundling Museum*

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**“With that kiss I became a painter.”**

*Benjamin West*



## 3. Teach Children

**Train up a child** in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

*Proverbs 22:6 ESV*



**And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and shall **talk of them** when you **sit in your house**, and when you **walk by the way**, and when you **lie down**, and **when you rise**. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ESV*



**“There is no such thing as someone else’s child. Our nation’s children are all our children.”**



**“I don’t think parents should be telling schools what they should teach.”**

*Governor Terry McAuliffe*



## 4. Discipline Children

**Discipline your son,** and he will give you rest;  
he will give delight to your heart.

*Proverbs 29:17 ESV*



**My son, do not regard lightly **the discipline of the Lord**, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.**

*Hebrews 12:5-6 ESV*



**Fathers, do not provoke your children,  
lest they become discouraged.**

*Colossians 3:21 ESV*

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**Love Children**  
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