

Wise Decision Making

If we rightly rule the home, then our mission statement and guiding principles for our home will eliminate many difficulties. As situations change, however, we will need to continue to discuss and make decisions on changing circumstances.

• Plan ahead by wise decision making

* Discern the issues

Finances, Family planning, In-laws



* Communicate ideas

Don't assume your partner understands your thoughts!

* Discuss how difficult decisions should be carried out.

Discuss the statement, "All conflicts arise over the issue of authority."
Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not? (From the Family, p. 72.)

• Taking wise steps to handle misunderstandings

* Typical difficulties and disagreements

- If you offended your spouse
- If you are offended by your spouse



* Sudden explosion

Words express our inner being.



- * Wrong words as wounds in a battle hurt each other. People often use words to manipulate others.
- * Right words expressed at the right times are beautiful. They express true thoughts, feelings and sentiments. They are only possible when love motivates that person's heart and when he or she lives open before the Lord.
- * We hide sin not only from our Lord but also from ourselves and our mate. Sin produces a veil over our relationship which not only produces misunderstandings but places a barrier between each other.
- * People living after God's own heart are humble and forgiving rather than blaming and accusing. They find themselves building up others rather than trying to meet their own needs.

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FAMILY PLANNING

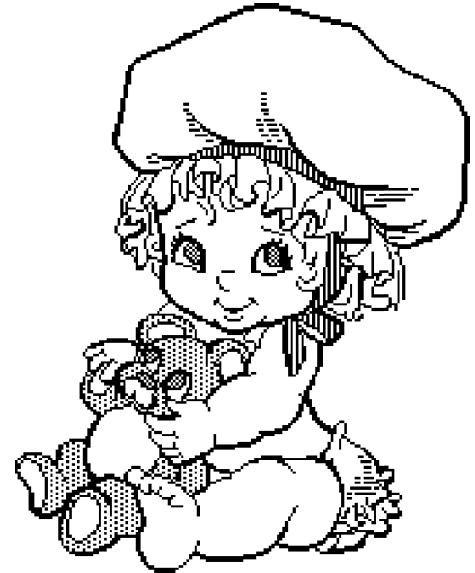
* What do people typically think about having children?

* What does the Bible say about having children?

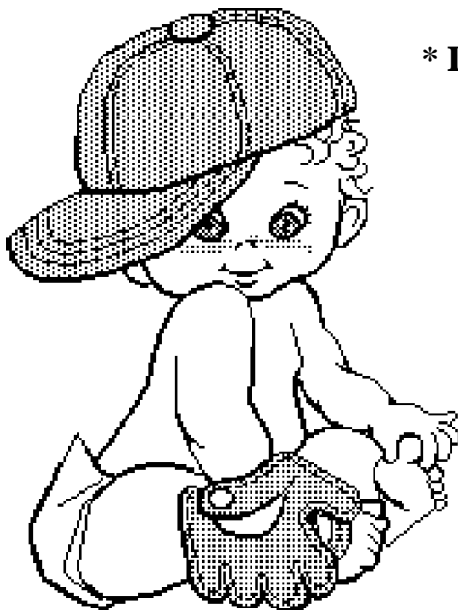
“Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine, within your house, Your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD” (Psalm 128:3-4).

“Behold, children are a gift of the LORD; The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one’s youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them;” (Psalms 127:5).

* Should we want to regulate the arrival of children?



* Is birth control moral? What attitude toward children and God might we display when we choose birth control?



*** Do you agree before the Lord?**

* Your views towards having children

* Your views toward birth control