

INTRODUCTION

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

“For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations” Psalm 100:5.

Truth endures to all generations. This does not happen by osmosis — an apparent effortless absorption of ideas, feelings, attitudes — but by one generation making a careful, deliberate deposit into the next generation.

In the 21st century, a growing deception is covering the earth, invading our political arenas, churches, schools, and homes. That which is evil is called good; that which is good is called evil. Truth is politically incorrect, inconvenient, and increasingly intolerable.

From generation to generation, God always reserves to Himself a remnant that *with purposeful intent* cultivates the next generation to genuinely love and know Him and be bearers of His truth. ***STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! The Lord’s Prayer for Young People*** was written as a tool for those resolved to see the next generation learn the joy of communing with God — both talking with Him and listening for Him to reply.

My parents, Toxey and Elva Bryant, were people of prayer who daily demonstrated to me a profound reliance upon God and trust in His goodness. Prayer was as much a part of our home as breathing.

One of my fondest memories of Daddy was about a year before he moved home to heaven at the age of 94. Coming into his room one night, I found him sitting on the side of the bed, praying. His prayer was intimate, simple — obviously, he was talking to Someone he had known for a very long time. He spoke to his Father in a direct, heartfelt manner, thanking Him for His goodness and provision in everything.

Then Daddy mentioned a concern or two and finished by thanking God for hearing his prayer. Genuine trust — a living relationship. Daddy’s legacy of prayerful faith continues to be a constant inspiration and anchor in my life.

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Jesus arose early every morning to commune with His Father. He taught His disciples to do the same through “The Lord’s Prayer.” As a young mother, I discovered the revelation hidden within “The Lord’s Prayer” irrevocably impacted my prayer life, making prayer a daily, delightful communion with my heavenly Father.

I wanted to instill the same joyful discipline in my children, but no one had written a step-by-step manual about training young people *how to pray*. For the sake of my children and those in our church, I wrote a 16-week curriculum based upon “The Lord’s Prayer.” It was utilized throughout our church and Christian school, affiliated churches, and ministries.

The workbook has been out of print for many years. Parents, pastors, teachers, and my now adult children repeatedly asked me to reprint the prayer resource for them to train their young people.

For the sake of another emerging generation — one faced with multiplied dangers and temptations — I wrote this simple eight-week curriculum to *teach* our young people to pray and to *train* them to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!** — that they might learn to discern the ways in which the Holy Spirit speaks to them, so they can have a living relationship with Heavenly Father.

Those who know their God will be strong and do exploits!

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