

PARENTS NEWSLETTER



Destiny & Dominion Children Ministry

January 2011

Recap of the Parents Meeting

Dear Parents,

The Children Ministry Parents Meeting held on Sunday, January 16 after the service had a large turn-out of parents in attendance. I wish to say a big thank you to all the parents who attended this meeting. The meeting started with a short exhortation on **Proverbs 22:6** – “**Train a child in the way he should go...**” The first part of this verse is a command to parents from God to which you cannot plead ignorance as an excuse. There is the way a child should go and it is your responsibility to know the way.

The Hebrew word for “train” means to “dedicate”; thus, it speaks of training with a purpose. The same root word can also mean to “give or cultivate a taste for”; parents must encourage their children to seek God for themselves. God’s promise for you in the second part of the verse is “**...and when he is old he will not turn from it.**” As parents, you do not have to go through trial and error in your parenting that is why you have the Word of God

THE BEST LEGACY YOU CAN GIVE YOUR CHILDREN IS TO HELP THEM KNOW GOD FOR THEMSELVES.

Your role as parents is to help your children to know God for themselves; this is the best legacy you can give your children. As parents, raising your children in the way of the Lord is your primary

responsibility. You cannot abandon this responsibility to the church.

At Destiny & Dominion, our vision in the children ministry is to help each individual child know who he/she is in Jesus Christ and discover his/her God-given destiny. However, as anointed as our children workers are, we have limited effectiveness in fulfilling this vision. That is because our time with your children is in a group, there is hardly any one-on-one. And the time we have with them is very limited 3 – 5 hours in a week (168hrs); this is about 3% of their time in a week. That is why we need collaboration between Children Ministry and parents for maximum effectiveness.

WE NEED COLLABORATION BETWEEN CHILDREN MINISTRY AND PARENTS TO EFFECTIVELY HELP EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD KNOW WHO HE/SHE IS IN JESUS CHRIST AND DISCOVER HIS/HER GOD-GIVEN DESTINY.

We hope to achieve this collaboration in the following ways:

At home companion resources to our curriculum

There will be different sets which will be age appropriate. The purpose is to have the **parents go through these resources with their children** at home as a follow-up to what we are ministering to them at church. These resources will be on sale in March.

Parent Volunteers Needed

- strictly voluntary
- teacher's assistant
- once a month



There are sign up sheets at the children ministry booth and registration tables. Thank you.

Please sign up

Parent Volunteers

After sign-up, what next?

When you sign up to help as a parent volunteer:

- We will contact you.
- Though we will take your class preference into consideration, we will assign you to a class we need your help in.
- You will be assigned to help out only once a month.
- You will be helping out under the supervision of the children ministry worker.
- You will not be asked to teach or assume responsibility for the children.
- You will not be permitted to change diapers or take a child to the washroom. (The only exception is if the child is yours).
- You will be required to wear an identification tag.
- You are expected to participate in the activities going on in the classroom.



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Recap of the Parents Meeting (Cont'd)

Monthly Teaching Seminars for parents

We will be teaching topics such as leading your child to Christ, establishing your parental spiritual authority, creating environments for the Holy Spirit to work in your child's life, etc. These classes will hold once a month at 2 different times to accommodate parents schedules.

Parent and child classes

This class is for in-depth practical teaching such Holy Spirit baptism, godly character, having a daily quiet time with God, etc. Please note there will be NO dropping of children off at these classes. These classes are strictly for parent and child to enable follow-up at home. Like the Parent seminars, these classes will hold once a month at 2 different times.

Monthly Newsletter

This newsletter will serve to update parents on happenings in the children ministry.

One-on-one counselling

I (as well as the pastoral team) am available to meet with parents for counselling and prayer.

Parental involvement

This is through parents helping out as volunteers in the Children Ministry. The reason for parent volunteers is that there are not enough children workers for the number of children we have. Due to our strict policy of children workers serving only once in 3 weeks (to help their own spiritual growth and prevent burn-out); we have been using some of our ministers (who are not even parents) to fill the gap and we have had to close the nursery a couple of times.

The meeting rounded up with a few questions and comments from the parents. Thank you for your support to the Children Ministry. For any question, comment or suggestion, feel free to contact us. We are here to serve.

Yours in His Vineyard,
Bisi Adeyi, Children Minister

PS: If you desire to take a more active role by serving in the Children Ministry, please contact me.