

## Genesis 5:24

***And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.***

We all love the Lord and desire to be pleasing to Him. But could you imagine being so pleasing to God that He would just take you right to heaven without you even dying? That's what happened in today's devotional verse. Enoch loved God so much that he lived for the Lord and not himself.

But did you also know that Enoch was married and had children.

† **Gen 5:22** *After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters.*

I'm not sure if you know this, but Methuselah (Enoch's son) was the oldest man in the bible who lived to be 969 years old, who also had children and who followed after the Lord

† **Gen 5:25 & 30** *Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters.*

What this tell us is that Enoch was so pleasing to God that his family saw it and followed in his footsteps; Therefore, Enoch had a son named Methuselah, who had a son named Lamech, who had a son named Noah, and what does the bible say about Noah?

† **Gen 6:9** *This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*

Did you catch it in the middle sentence of this verse? "***Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations***" Noah learned this from his father (Lamech), who learned it from his father (Methuselah), who learned it from his father, Enoch, who pleased the Lord. You see, when we walk with the Lord as Enoch and his decedents did, we start to decrease and the Lord increases. Even John the Baptist said this in the New Testament.

† **John 3:30** *He must increase, but I must decrease.*

So, if we really want our children to follow the Lord, then we need to stop showing them ourselves and start showing them the Lord in our lives. We do this by being pleasing to the Lord, seeking to please Him and not ourselves, just like Enoch was.

I am reminded of a time when I was a kid and I said a bad word, and before I got my punishment I was asked by my dad, where I learned that word from. Well my dad used profanity all the time and I learned it from him, yet I told him I learned it from the kids at school. My dad was not a Christian at the time, so he did not consider the fact that his

constant use of profanity was entering into his young son's ears, therefore, I was following in his footsteps. Growing up, I used to speak profanity all the time (Before my kids were born). But when I gave my life to the Lord, He took that away from me, so my kids never hear me speak any profanity at all, and I don't even allow it in our home, via TV, movies, music, video games, etc.... Today my youngest son, who is almost 18, sees his dad reading his bible every morning and wants to be like his dad; therefore, he reads his bible, following my example of a relationship that is pleasing to the Lord

So next time one of your kids messes up, stop and ask yourself, "*Am I pleasing to the Lord and do my children see this, or did they mess up because they are following my example and not being pleasing to the Lord?*"

Let's start living more like Enoch:

† **Gen 5:24a (NLT)** *He enjoyed a close relationship with God throughout his life.*

So that our children will be more like Noah:

† **Gen 6:9b** *Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*