

# 49th – Bible Seeds Podcast

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- Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

## Intro narrative by Carl Vasta

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is:

### **The Best Present You Can Give Your Children**

It’s December 1<sup>st</sup> and people are busy shopping for Christmas although some people are in the middle of celebrating Hanukkah. It seems to me that shopping for children used to be easier because toys were simpler and the only thing you had to worry about *‘was them shooting their eye*

*out with a Red Ryder BB gun.'* ( I'm Sorry – I guess I'm stuck on the movie *Christmas Story.* ) That was my 'era' when I was a kid.

Now even trying to find a Santa Claus to tell him what you want for Christmas and take a picture seems to be a hard task. And trying to write a letter to Santa and mail it off, (*forget about it* ). Even with all the high tech computer stuff, I'm noticing that people and their children haven't changed a lot since God helped me raise my four sons.

The first thing that's pretty much the same is; from a year old to about seven years old they want to be like mommy and daddy and they pretty much believe what we tell them.

After that they start listening to their friends and believing what they say, and believing less of what their parents tell them.

My dad used to tell me, "When I was 17 or 18 years old, I thought my parents were not very smart about anything. When I reached the age of 23 years old, I was surprised how much they had learned in those few years!"

The point that I'm trying to make here is ***you only have the first few years of your child's life to set them on a path in a good direction.***

I know that there are plenty of books out there about raising children but the ***one thing that frustrates most grandparents after their children grow up 'is they finally know better how they should have raised their children!'*** And your children look at you and say, ***"We know what we are doing! What do the old folks know about the new generation?"***

And the answer is, ***"They know as much as you will after your kids are raised."***

The best Christmas, Birthday, Hanukkah, or Easter present you can give your children is learning how to make the right decisions during the early years. ***And you will have to show them by your actions that you believe those are the right decisions too.***

### ***What are those right decisions?***

- *Let them see your positive attitude about God and life here on the Earth and the afterlife with Jesus in Heaven so they won't be afraid of death.*
- *Teach them how to pray simple prayers at night when they go to bed.*
- *When you're eating together, say a simple "thank you to God" for your food.*

- *Teach them to be grateful for gifts they receive from parents, relatives and friends. It can be as simple as a “thank you” at that moment or a telephone call to say “thank you”*
  
- *Teach them that touching or taking other people’s things without first asking their permission will make them look like they’re “stealing” which is bad because you wouldn’t like it if someone took your toys and you would not have them to play with anymore!*
  
- *Teach them that lying is bad because it shows people you are not an honest person and they won’t trust you. You can tell them the story of the little boy playing in the yard and thought it was funny to see people come running to save him when he called out “Help, there’s a wolf” and there was no wolf. One day there was a wolf and people didn’t believe him and the wolf ate him.*
  
- *Also be prepared to explain why you say “Santa Claus is coming tonight” and “Here comes Peter cotton tail” and then say “Yes, there really is a God that no one can see!”*

- *Another important lesson to teach young children is not to be jealous of a gift that their siblings receive for a birthday or other celebrations like baby showers or baptism or graduations. Let them know that everyone has a special day to receive cards and gifts.*
  
- *It is also important to teach them while they're young **to be kind to people and animals.** How to speak to guest in your home or in public places, especially if they use canes or walkers or wheel chairs or medical devices that make them seem weird. And help them to not draw attention to those who have trouble speaking whether it's a young or older person.*
  
- *Teach your children all house pets like dogs, cats, birds, fish, and other pets in cages depend on them [ **your children** ] to feed them when they're hungry and give them water when they're thirsty and make sure that their cages and places they sleep are clean and comfortable.*
  
- *Teach them that God created all sorts of creatures and some are so small its almost*

*hard to see them. And we cannot make one of these – a living creature and so give God credit for all of His creations. We have to be careful not to touch them since some are poisonous and not as harmless as flies. These are better living outside.*

- *Show them that there are many words in the dictionary that they can use to describe any situation without having to use swear words.*

I just saw a headline in a news report telling how a woman was so proud that her 6 year old was using the “F” word.

My question for this woman is: What will her reaction be when her precious child grown older cusses her out with swear words along with his friends or gang?

And what will her reaction be when he does it to his teachers, to the police who stop him from driving dangerously, to the people in the courts and jails?

And when he gets beat up within a inch in his life or killed for mouthing off to a person who is tougher and meaner than he was?

Will she say, ***“What happened my to son? Why did God do this? I knew him when he was a good boy. Where did he go wrong?”***

The answer to is: ***You took the responsibility of having a child, but you, your boyfriend/girlfriend, or your husband/wife or EX didn't take the responsibility of training your child rightly when he was young.***

**You took great pride in mocking God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ and the commands we couldn't keep, and refused the offer made to us for our salvation and everlasting life from Jesus.**

It may be too late for some, but for others who can give their children the best present they could receive, now is the time, when they are young, to set them on the path of right living so their lives can be a blessing to them and their children.

I would like to play for you right now a song off my free **Christmas CD or DVD**, titled ***“The Christmas Child”***, which can be download free at [carlvasta.com](http://carlvasta.com).

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, the good shepherd to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these Bible Seeds: my commentary on some of these readings.

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