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# Words of Truth

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## Mars Needs Moms

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A couple of months ago Katrina and Trey were watching a movie titled, "Mars Needs Moms". I was sitting in the living room with them, but was working on a sermon outline. So, I really cannot say much about the film. I only picked up bits and pieces. Thus, do not think that this article is in any way a film review for good or bad.

What I do know about this movie is that Martians were trying to raise their children by programming robots to be parents. They looked to earth because they thought mothers on earth were a great example of disciplinarians. Martians thought that mothers from earth were exceptional parents. This is where the premise of the film fails. As I sat and worked I thought how ironic it was that Martians looked to earth for good mothers when, in reality, there are very few good mothers on earth. It was at that time of thought that I knew I was going to write an article on this. It is not another planet that needs mothers (I am not saying there is life on Mars), it is earth that needs mothers! In fact, it is earth that needs good parents!

### The Truth Is – Earth Needs Parents

We live in a world where children have starved because of parents with video game addictions (<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,289331,00.html>). This same world finds it humorous to picture a child with a can of beer and a cigarette in his or her mouth. This same world has mothers who cannot care for their children because of their love affairs with cell phones and computers.



A good parent is one who brings up his or her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Good parents teach their children God's word (Deuteronomy 6:6-7, I Chronicles 29:19, and II Timothy 3:15). Good parents will discipline their children (Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 22:15, and Proverbs 29:17). Good parents love their children (Titus 2:3-4).

What God says is good parenting is not often seen in our world today. Instead of a present parent, children are often left to fend for themselves. What does the Bible say about that? Notice: *"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame"* (Proverbs 29:15). If you choose to have children you must understand that commitment you are making to raise those children. Raising children is not a part-time job!

### **Considering Parenting On Earth**

A true examination of parenting in this world is sickening. One of the best ways to see whether something is good or bad is to examine its fruit (Matthew 7:20). If you look at how each generation in our country continues to decline morally you see the direct results of bad parenting. I know that we all have freewill (Exodus 15:26, Deuteronomy 30:19-20, Proverbs 1:29, Ezekiel 18:20, Luke 11:28, and James 1:13-16). I am a proven example of how a child can be raised by a horrible parent, but still choose to make proper moral decisions and change one's life. I have also seen children taught properly, but fail in adulthood due to their own decisions. That being said, parenting does have a huge effect on a child. Notice: *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6).

The picture on page one of this article brings a childhood memory back to mind for me. On New Year's Eve my mother would give me alcohol to drink. In fact, even before I was in elementary school, I can remember being intoxicated. My mother, brother, and their friends thought it was funny to watch me stumble about after drinking vodka mixed with orange juice. It was a running joke even after New Year's Eve passed. Yet, people thought my mother was a good mother. WHAT? My mother introduced me to the sinful act of drinking alcohol (Proverbs 20:1, Proverbs 21:17, Proverbs 23:20-21, Proverbs 23:29-35, Isaiah 5:11, Isaiah 5:22, Habakkuk 2:15, Matthew 26:41, Luke 21:33-34, Romans 13:13, I Corinthians 6:9-10, I Thessalonians 5:7-8, Titus 2:1-6, I Peter 4:1-5, and I Peter 5:8). Being led into sinful behavior, by anyone, is not a good thing (Isaiah 9:16 and Matthew 15:14).

We cannot dismiss the FACT that how we raise our children is a reflection on us (I Timothy 3:4-5 and Titus 1:5-6). We cannot just be concerned about how we look as parents though. How we raise our children will impact their souls (Proverbs 23:13-14). What is more important than that?

### **Conclusion**

We need parents on earth, whom understand the importance of properly training up their children. Yet, we know people of the world are wicked (I John 5:19). Thus, teaching parenting and trying to correct the next generation starts with us! As Christians, we have to preserve and show forth that which is good on this earth (Matthew 5:13-16). Earth needs moms (and dads). Let's fill the role!