

God, Make Me A TV

Students in Bible class were asked to write a brief essay about what they would like God to do for them. At the end of the day, while reviewing the essays, the Bible class teacher read one that moved her. Her husband, who had just walked in, saw her crying and asked her "What happened?" She answered "Read this. It is one of my students' essays."

"Dear God, today I ask you to do something very special for me. Make me into a television set. I want to take its place and live like the TV in my house. I want to have my own special place, and have the family all around me. I want to be listened to when I talk. I want the family to pay attention and hear me without interruptions or questions. I want the same special care the TV gets even when it is not working. I want my dad to keep me company when he arrives home from work, even when he is tired. And I want my mom to want to sit with me when she is sad and upset, instead of ignoring me. And I want my brothers to fight to spend time with me. I want to feel that family just puts everything aside just to spend some time with me. And please make sure that I can help them all be happy and to entertain them. Lord I don't ask you for much. I just want to live like a TV."

After reading the letter, the husband said "Oh what a sad, poor kid. What horrible parents he must have!" The wife looked up at him and said "That essay was written by our son."

Psalm 127:3-5 - *"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed"*

Eph. 6:4 - *"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."* Psalm 103:13 - *"As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him."* Prov. 3:12 - *"For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights."*