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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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AS NEWBORN BABES

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Rue Marie Edwards was born this Tuesday morning, May 9 at 8:31 A.M. *“Lo children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward”* (Ps. 127:3). Thank you for all of the prayers on our behalf! Raegan and I appreciate them very much. The Bible talks about newborn babes. Let’s look at some lessons learned from them.

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE. *“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well”* (Ps. 139:13-14). *“As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all”* (Eccl. 11:5). *“Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? But the thunder of his power who can understand?”* (Job 26:14). Truly, as said in Job 37:5, *“Great things doeth He, which we cannot comprehend.”* May we therefore fear him!

BE PURE. As you hold a

newborn baby, you can’t help but consider the purity and innocence! *“Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions”* (Eccl. 7:29). Jesus said, *“Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven”* (Mt. 19:14). Contrary to a lot of false doctrine taught today, newborn babes have no sin! *“Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings”* (Is. 7:15-16). Evil is something one chooses, not inherits! Surely, newborn babes are unable to make such a choice. Sin is not inherited! (Ezek. 18:20; Rom. 9:11). We are commanded to be pure: Mt. 5:8; 1 Tim. 5:22; Jas. 1:27; 1 Pet. 1:22. As newborn babes, be pure!

DESIRE MILK. I’ve learned very quickly the frequent and strong desire a babe has for milk. We need that same desire for God’s word! *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby”* (1 Pet. 2:2). Proper nutrition is vital for one’s growth physically. If newborn babes are not eating as they should, there is cause for great

concern! How much more important is our spiritual growth? We are taught to grow: Heb. 5:12-14; 2 Pet. 3:18. Are you malnourished? A sign of malnutrition, in the Christian, is carnality (1 Cor. 3:1-3).

BE BORN. The Lord said, *“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”* (Jn. 3:3) How is one *“born again?”* The elect in 1 Peter 1:21-23 were born again through faith and obedience of the truth, by the word of God. First John gives great insight as to how one is born of God:

1. Righteousness (2:29).
2. Doth not commit sin (3:9).
3. Every one that loveth (4:7).
4. Believe that Jesus is the Christ (5:1).
5. Overcoming the world through faith (5:4-5).
6. Sin not; Keep yourself (5:18). When one hears, believes and obeys the gospel, he will be baptized into Christ, crucifying the old man of sin and rising to walk in newness of life. He will then be *“a new creature”*, dead to sin and alive unto God (Rom. 6; 2 Cor. 5:17). Have you yielded unto God?

The Lord said, *“Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven”* (Mt. 18:3). Have you been converted?

WHAT MANNER OF CHILD SHALL THIS BE!

Perhaps, every parent wonders at the birth of a child, *"What manner of child shall this be!"* (Lk. 1:66). Shall this be a...

MINISTERING CHILD. First Samuel records the birth of Samuel, the child given to Hannah in answer to her prayer unto the Lord. 1 Samuel 2:18 records, *"But Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child...."* To *"minister"* is to serve. Samuel served the Lord as a child! Joshua exhorted, *"...choose you this day whom ye will serve..."* (Josh. 24:15). Will the child choose to serve the Lord?

PURE AND RIGHT DOING CHILD. The wise man, Solomon, stated: *"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right"* (Prov. 20:11). Will the doings of the child be pure and right?

THE WAY TRAINED CHILD. It is written, *"Train up a child in the way he should go:*

and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). This implies there is a way a child should *not* go. For him to go the way he should, he must be trained. Which way will the child go?

FOOLISHNESS BOUND IN OR DRIVEN FAR FROM CHILD. Proverbs teaches: *"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him"* (Prov. 22:15). So, will the child possess a heart where foolishness is *"bound in"* or will it be driven *"far from him"*? The *"rod of correction"* is the key (Prov. 13:24; 23:13-14; 29:15).

CORRECTED CHILD. The Bible says, *"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell"* (Prov. 23:13-14). Children need proper correction and discipline. Such is an expression of love (Prov. 13:24). Too many today are like those in Jeremiah 2:30, *"...children"* who *"...received no correction..."*!

WISE CHILD. The Holy Spirit revealed, *"The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him"* (Prov. 23:24). Will you have joy? Proverbs is a great book to read for wisdom!

SCRIPTURE-KNOWING CHILD. Paul penned these words concerning Timothy: *"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus"* (2 Tim. 3:15). Will the child know the Scriptures?

This lies in the hands of parents, like clay in the potter's hands. How will the clay be fashioned? Ezekiel 16:44, *"As is the mother, so is her daughter."* Ephesians 6:4, *"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."*

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