

# (Sermon Clip) Lord, let me die if my children seek sin

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**Scripture:** Proverbs 22:6, Psalm 127:3, Ephesians 6:4, Matthew 18:10, 1 Timothy 3:4

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## Description

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## Transcript

who had a very large family and he didn't stay in the city where the large auditorium where I was preaching, but I stayed with that particular preacher of that church, one of the preachers and his family out on the small holding outside of the city, good 35-40 minutes drive, so we would travel in the nights for me to preach into the town, into the city, to this church, this very large church, people had come from many, many parts to attend that conference. But as we were traveling now in the night, the children would sing, now they sang so beautifully, these lot of children, oh we had a large family, but they obviously harmonized from little babies almost together with daddy and mommy and they were so beautifully singing that I thought to myself as I look back at their countenances, their faces full of joy as they sang and the beauty, either they could go around the world, they're so wonderfully harmonizing, it's so uplifting, it was a joy, it was wonderful and I looked at their faces, the joy as they sang together from the smallest to the oldest harmonizing, somehow singing harmonizes you, generally I would say, if you're Christian, but there was a gap, a little bit of silence and I turned to the father who was driving the vehicle and I said, brother you are really very blessed. I know many, many preachers whose children would not come to church like them, look at their faces, they're all excited and full of joy, not one of them angry that they've got to go to

church because daddy's a preacher.

I said, brother you are blessed, I know some fathers, the children so serve the devil, they wouldn't go to church and if they're forced, they're very unhappy. God's really, look at the way they sing, look at their happiness together, they're excited about going to church brother, oh God's blessed you and giving you these children. You know that man looked at me for a moment and then did something very startling, he suddenly, the loud voice just began to uncontrollably sob, he just sobbed and I thought the vehicle was going to turn over, the children come forward and try and pull the car off the road and he just sat there sobbing and I was very unnerved and so was the whole family, all his children and after a while he said, brother Keith, forgive me, I've never done this, this is not me, forgive me and he's sobbing, he's sobbing, when you said that about my children and then he said these words, oh God, oh God, let me die, I beg thee in Jesus Christ's name, I beg thee in Christ's name, let me die now and then to let me live to ever see one of my children ever going with the devil's children to the devil's houses to eat what the devil serves his children from the devil's tables to satisfy them with sin and weep, let me die God, I beg thee, let me die and to live to, he sobbed again, after a good while the car was able to go, I didn't turn and look at the children, I dared not, I wondered if they were breathing, there was a deathly silence the whole way to the church, deathly silence, when they got out of the vehicle with their violins and all the things they play in this little orchestra in a very sanctified way, they went laughing like they normally do and not one word, they just walked with their faces down into the church, going home, not one word, all the way home, just deathly, deadly silence, all the children, they were so unnerved, they were so shaken, that the very thought of one of them ever seeking sin caused their father to want death, I was shaken, oh I was shaken.

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