

1. God's Timing is Perfect. a. John's birth was perfectly timed. b. The return of Zechariah's voice was perfectly timed (Lk. 1:65; Mk. 1:5). c. Mary's pregnancy was perfectly timed.

- When the prayer is wrong, God says, "No."
- When the prayer is right, but you aren't,
   God says, "Grow."
- When the prayer is right and you are right, but the timing is wrong, God says, "Slow."
- And when the prayer is right and you are right and the timing is right, God says, "Go!"

- 2. Words Have Power.
- a. Words can shape reality.
- Death and life are in the power of the tongue... Proverbs 18:21



- Zechariah's words are part of the <u>shaping process</u> that makes John into one of the greatest men who ever lived:
- The Bible says that in the beginning
   God <u>spoke</u> the world into existence.
   b. Words can steer a *destiny*.

3. How to **Shape** a Child's Destiny.

a. **Speak** Scripture over them.
b. Claim God's promises for them, **in front** of them.

- It takes it to a whole new level when we <u>claim</u> His <u>promises</u> in front of them.
- · Let Scripture guide your behavior.
- · Let Scripture guide your words.



