

Raising Faithful Children

(Deuteronomy 6:6-9)

- Introduction:
1. Today, we are disturbed at the direction many of our youth have chosen.
 2. In one sense, times seem to be worse than ever before, but Solomon said, "There is nothing new under the Sun" (Ecc. 1:10).
 3. "Today's youth love luxury and have bad manners. They hold authority in contempt; they no longer stand up when an adult enters the room; they talk back to parents and contradict them; they talk too much in the presence of company; they talk nonsense instead of working; they put themselves all over the furniture; and they guzzle their food" (Socrates, 500 B.C., Athens, Greece).
 4. Many youth problems are parent problems (Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:4).
 5. How do we instill the proper morals and values in our children?

I. Teach Your Children the Word of God

- A. (Psalm 119:105; Psalm 119:9-11).
- B. This is how Jesus withstood temptation (Matthew 4:4).
- C. You cannot expect your children to obey what they do not know.
- D. The value of Bible class.

II. Let Your Children See You Live the Word of God

- A. (Philippians 2:15).
- B. God is blasphemed by hypocrisy (Romans 2:1,24).
- C. Prove your morals are real and not pretend (Genesis 12:8).
- D. Your children need to see, know, and hear that you love God more than them.

III. Children Can Be and Are Adversely Influenced By The World

- A. (1 Corinthians 15:33).
- B. Don't deceive yourself into thinking, "My son or daughter would never..."
- C. (2 Corinthians 6:14).
- D. Barnabas (Galatians 2:11-13).

IV. Teach Your Children the Beauty of Holiness

- A. (Psalm 29:2).
- B. Forgiveness is good, but holiness is better; Grace is good, but purity is better.
- D. (2 Corinthians 4:4).
- E. Teach your children the value of service and reverence. Not everything in life has to be "fun" to have value.

- Conclusion:
1. Children are a heritage of the Lord (Psalm 127:3).
 2. No greater responsibility will one ever have than to be a parent.
 3. (Luke 17:1-2).