

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN



Psalm 127:1-5

- Outside of the Lord, one's labor is vain
 - True in the HOME
- Arrows
 - Well-prepared
 - Aimed properly
 - Ready for the battle of life

Responsibility for Children's Spiritual Training

- Primary responsibility to father and mother
- Not neighbors, schools, country
- Not to be turned over to the church

New Testament Instruction

- **Hebrews 12:1-11**
- “Chastening”
 - Instruction
 - Correction
 - Learn
 - Teaching
- Involves
 - Rebuke – verse 5
 - Scourging (corrective discipline) – verse 6
- Products
 - Respect
 - Peaceable fruit of righteousness

New Testament Instruction

- ✓ Hebrews 12:1-11
- **Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20-21**
- Obedience to be expected
- Primary responsibility
- Nurture: training; see 2 Timothy 3:16
- Admonition: “putting in mind” whether by encouragement or if necessary reproof
- Too narrow?
 - Ephesians 4:4-6
- The wisdom, the word of God excels all other subjects in its
 - Applicability to living
 - Importance
 - Urgency
 - Longevity

New Testament Instruction

- ✓ Hebrews 12:1-11
- ✓ Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20-21
- **Titus 2:4-8**
- Mothers: love their husbands and love their children
- Young men
 - Pattern of good works
 - Integrity in the doctrine of Christ
 - Reverence
 - Incorruptibility
 - Sound speech

New Testament Instruction

- ✓ Hebrews 12:1-11
- ✓ Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20-21
- ✓ Titus 2:4-8
- **2 Timothy 1:3-5; 3:14-15**
- We are taught by approved examples
- Mothers and grandmothers
- From childhood

When do we start?

- Now!
- “Give me a child until he is 7, and I will show you the man” (Aristotle)
- Ruts run deep. However, consider
 - Paul – Galatians 1:23
 - Thessalonians – 1 Thessalonians 1:9
 - Ezekiel 18:14... 17
- Begin now

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

1. The purpose of the commandment

- Fear the Lord
- Keep the commandments
- Teach them
- For young and old alike
- For your good
- Parents have a duty to teach their children the ways of the Lord

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

1. The purpose of the commandment
2. **The foundational principles**
 - There is one and only one Lord, one God
 - Your purpose is to love Him with
 - All your heart – undivided affection and purpose
 - All your soul – with complete self-surrender
 - All your might – give of the best of your strength
 - Matthew 22:37 – mind – our understanding and belief
 - THE foundation of acceptable service to God
 - Equipped for the second: love your neighbor as yourself (Mt 22:39)

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

1. The purpose of the commandment
2. The foundational principles
3. **They shall be in your heart**
 - Governs our own attitude, words, and deeds
 - The starting point to train our children
 - Get it into your own heart and live it
 - Able to teach what you know
 - Lead by example
 - Tongue – Ephesians 5:3-4
 - The desires of the eyes – Colossians 3:5
 - The desires of the flesh – Galatians 5:19; 1 Timothy 2:9-10
 - Worship – Hebrews 10:24-25
 - The word of God must be in our own hearts, and we must be living it to be an example to our children

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

1. The purpose of the commandment
2. The foundational principles
3. They shall be in your heart
4. **Teach diligently to your children**
 - Deliberately
 - Diligently
 - Example alone not sufficient
 - We must proactively and diligently teach our children the doctrine of Christ

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5. **Talk of them impromptu**
 - Unscheduled
 - When you sit and when you walk
 - John 4
 - Requires spiritual-mindedness
 - Won't do it if not written in our own hearts
 - If allow cares to be too heavy, then how will you do this? Matthew 6:33
 - When you lie down and when you rise up
 - Verse 20-21
 - We need to get the word of God in our hearts such that we can in an unscheduled way plant seeds of truth in the hearts of our children

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6. **Beware the perils of prosperity**
 - ... and busyness
 - Verse 10-12
 - A real challenge today in overcrowded schedules
 - Make a renewed commitment that you won't let prosperity and busyness overtake your responsibility to teach and train your children in the ways of the Lord

- Psalm 127:3
 - “Behold, children are a gift of the Lord. The fruit of the womb is a reward.”
- Matthew 7:11
 - “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!”
- Best gifts to our children
 - Living the Word ourselves – a godly example
 - Deliberate and diligent teaching and training in the word of God
 - Impromptu, unscheduled teaching and spiritual training