

Things Our Children Must Know

Introduction

1. Wise Solomon once wrote:

Proverbs 22:6 **Train up a child in the way he should go**, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

A. This training must be constant and consistent. It is training that is accomplished every day of a child's life.

1) Without this kind of training, the child will not develop into the kind of Christian man or woman that God will allow to be with Him in Heaven for eternity.

2. All parents have a grave responsibility – given to us by God to raise our children according to His divine will.

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but **bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.**

3. In today's lesson, I want to present to you some things that we, as parents **MUST** teach our children and it is important for them to **KNOW** these things well.

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1. They are a special creation of God.

Genesis 1:26-27

Psalms 139:14 I will praise You, for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made**; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

2. They are unconditionally loved.

Titus 2:3-4 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, **to love their children**

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, **than to lay down one's life for his friends.**

1 John 3:16-18 By this we know love, **because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.** But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, **but in deed and in truth.**

3. The truly important things in life cannot be bought.

Job 1:21 And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, **And naked shall I return there.** The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."

Luke 12:15-21

4. Choices have consequences.

Numbers 32:23 But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and **be sure your sin will find you out.**

Ecclesiastes 11:9-10 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these **God will bring you into judgment.** Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, And put away evil from your flesh, For childhood and youth are vanity.

Deuteronomy 6:24-25

5. There is right and wrong.

Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are **few who find it.**

Ephesians 6:1-3

1 Peter 3:17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

6. Courage is a must.

1 Corinthians 15:33 **Do not be deceived:** "Evil company corrupts good habits."

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise your youth, but **be an example to the believers** in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

7. Human life is sacred.

Genesis 1:26-27; 9:5-6

Matthew 7:12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, **do also to them**, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

8. Hard work is worth it.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, **do it with your might**; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

Colossians 3:22-24

9. Marriage is for life.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, **and they shall become one flesh.**

Matthew 19:4-6

Romans 7:2 For **the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives.** But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.

Hebrews 13:4 **Marriage is honorable among all,** and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

10. God is their center in EVERYTHING. God takes priority!

Exodus 20:3 "You shall have **no other gods** before Me.

1 Chronicles 28:9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and **serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind;** for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. **If you seek Him, He will be found by you;** but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

Proverbs 1:7 The **fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,** But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Conclusion

1. **If we as parents teach these important things to our children, and if our children will heed these things, then their lives will prosper in the ways of the Lord.**

