

>>> Parent/Grandparent, who is teaching your children the most?
You, the school, friends, boy or girl friend?



“The thing that impresses me most about America is the way
parents obey their children.”

-Duke of Wellington

“The time to start correcting the children is before they start
correcting you.”

-Homer Phillips

A PARENT/GRANDPARENT’S PRAYER

“Oh, heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand
my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all
their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting
them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. For-
bid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes, or resort to shame or ridicule
when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satis-
faction or to show my power.

“Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal. And guide me hour by hour that
I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

“Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. And when I am out of sorts, help me,
O Lord, to hold my tongue.

“May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not ex-
pect of them the judgment of adults. Let me not rob them of the opportu-
nity to wait on themselves and to make decisions.

“Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests, and
the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm. Make me
fair and just and kind. And fit me, O Lord, to be loved and respected and
imitated by my children. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”



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**Pastor Jerry Johnston's sermon
Sunday, November 8th, 2009**

*“Secrets to Raising Children Who Love the
Lord”*

Message #3 in the series, “Full House”

Bible Text: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, pp.304-305 in the Nelson Study Bible

If a child lives with criticism,

He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility,

He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule,

He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame,

He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance,

He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement,

He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise,

He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness,

He learns justice.

If a child lives with security,

He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval,

He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,

He learns to find love in the world.

[Source: Dorothy Law Nolte, quoted in John W. Lawrence, Life Choices]

KEY QUESTION

What are your children learning from you?

OUR GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY

To lead our children to love the Lord!

SECRETS TO RAISING CHILDREN WHO LOVE THE LORD

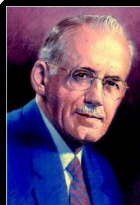
1. You must (1) _____ the Lord with all my heart!

Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."

>>> Parent/Grandparent do you love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength?

>>> If you do, chances are your children will. If you don't, chances are they won't!

- The greatest indicator of your love for the Lord is your priorities. When you love HE comes first; His CHURCH comes first; GIVING to the Lord comes first; SERVING/CARING for people comes first. Have your children/grandchildren seen that?



"A real Christian is an odd number anyway. He feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen, talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see, expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another, empties himself in order to be full, admits he is wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up, is strongest when he is the weakest, richest when he is the poorest, and happiest when he feels the worst. He dies so he can live, forsakes in order to have, gives away so he can keep, sees the invisible, hears the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passeth knowledge."

-A.W. Tozer, *The Root of the Righteous*

2. You must (2) _____ sincerely about the things of God daily before your children. Most importantly, they must see you talking to God on a daily basis!

Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall LOVE the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength ... 6) And these words which I command you

today shall be in your heart. 7) You shall ... TALK of them when you sit in your house"

>>> Parent/Grandparent, what do your children hear you talking about?

>>> What kind of speech comes out of your mouth in front of your children?

Ephesians 4:29, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."

Matthew 12:36, "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37) For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day,
By deeds that you do, by words that you say.
Men read what you write, whether faithless or true.
Say, what is the gospel according to according to you?
[Source: Quoted in John R. Rice, *Poems That Preach*]



3. You must (3) _____ biblical truth, i.e., character, honesty, and sincerity before your children.

Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5) You shall LOVE the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your SOUL, and with all your STRENGTH. 6) And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart ... 7c) ... when you WALK by the way, when you LIE down, and when you RISE UP."

>>> Parent/Grandparent, does your WALK match your TALK? Nothing with confuse and ruin a child's love for God more than when a parent's WALK does not match their TALK!

4. You must (4) _____ your children diligently the truth of Scripture.

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