

This is a different day..it's a day of business, distractions, extremes and obsessions. It's the day of the end of time, but the crucial problem is, are we really accepting that. We need to think seriously and with all honesty about life and this endtime hour. What is humanity? Why do we exist and what is our purpose on earth? Why did God give us children? What are our responsibilities as parents?

The answers are simple...

Humanity is the image of God, created for His joy, put on earth to accept God's invitation to be His child. Our purpose on earth; This life is a test to see if we will put our faith in God and live obedient to His word or if we will listen to the deceiver and chose to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. God allows us to bring children into this world so that there will be more to love and enjoy in heaven. Our responsibility as parents, make sure our children are equipped to make the right choices to be God's prize for eternity.

So in understanding we have a responsibility to God for our children are we focused on things eternal or things of the world? Matt 6:33 Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.

Sure it's necessary and mandatory that we "educate" our children. But that cannot be our priority. Of course we need to make sure they are cared for and have good nutrition so they are healthy. But that cannot be our priority. We even get side tracked thinking we need to provide them with extra activities for fun , for social development or physical fitness, but that cannot be a priority. You cannot find one place in scripture that we are commanded or even instructed to make sure our children have any of these things.

When we get our focus on all of this, our lives become so overwhelming and cluttered until we think we have time for nothing else...especially commitments to spiritual things. We must see this for what it is! It is not simply you making a decision for your family , this is spiritual warfare for the souls of your family.

We are all strapped for time. We spend long hours in cars driving to and from work and school and doctor's appointments. We have so many responsibilities that one more thing seems to be too much. We all have a million reasons why we can't...but are we looking at it through eyes of flesh which naturally wars against things of the spirit? As the saying goes,"we do what we want to do". We will make time for pleasure with out too much consideration.. Do we understand our responsibility as parents and that we will answer to God for what we do?

Job 23:12

King James Bible

Neither have I gone back from **the commandment of his lips**; I have **esteemed the words of his mouth** more than my necessary *food*.

Holman Christian Standard Bible

I have not departed from the commands of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my daily food.

How do we know what the “commandments of his lips” are or how can we “esteem the words of his mouth more than necessary food” if we haven’t been taught His word. If we didn’t know this verse was in the Bible we wouldn’t know that there were commands we are required to follow or words that are more important than us eating.. That’s IMPORTANT!!

So what are the commands we must not depart from? What is our responsibility to our children if it’s not all the things we all obsess over?

The Greatest Commandment

Deut.6:4"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! 5"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6"These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7"You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8"You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead....

The Word God was giving his people didn’t stop with Deut. 6 and teaching diligently to your children wasn’t a Sunday only experience. Again He says,

Remember God's Words

Deut 11: 18"You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. 19"You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. 20"You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,...

And WHY did he say this (again)?

Deut 11:16"**Beware** that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods and worship them. 17"Or the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

Ps.78:4 We will not conceal them from their children, But tell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done. 5For He established a testimony in Jacob And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers That they should teach them to their children, 6That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, That they may arise and tell them to their children,...
7That they should put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments,...

What is the importance of making sure your children know the Word of God? So that you will be keeping the commandment and your children will not be deceived and be lost and should the Lord tarry they will continue this when they are parents.

The Bible speaks a lot about passing things on from one generation to another and that the blessings of the father/parents will be passed on also. The priorities you set in your home will be what your children know to do if they should ever be parents..You are setting them up for success or failure in life and possibly eternity by what you focus on and make priority in your home. Will they trust in education and their own hands or will they trust in God, putting him first and focusing on His word. If we teach our children anything else we are leading them into idolatry...

In this hour the devil is attacking our homes with so many distractions and with tiredness and apathy and deception. We see this spiritual warfare as responsibilities in life, work, school, other involvements..but there is nothing more important than making time each day to teach your child the Word.

Do we ask our children, “do you want to take a bath today?” or do we ask, “did you take your bath?”...Do we ask them “do you want to go to school” or “did you get your homework and ready for school tomorrow?” Why would we ask them, “do you want to go to heaven?” That is what we are asking when we leave to an immature mind the choice of do you want to learn the Word of God or playing a game..

The nature we are born with is constantly battling the spirit. It's hard enough for adults to make right decisions, how can we leave the most important thing in life, eternal & spiritual matters, up to a child when we don't even allow them to decide if they will brush their teeth. Let's be real honest, the reason we ever try to place serious decision making off on someone else is because we are battling our own flesh to make a committment and take on a responsibility.

If a doctor told you he could give you a 90% guarantee that if you follow his instructions, which will require giving one hour a day to treatment for your child, it will cure or protect them from having serious disease such as cancer, or MS or heart disease, who would ask their child if they wanted to do this? It wouldn't matter what was required we would be doing it immediately. Our conversation with our child would be in way of explanation of what our new lifestyle for healing or good health would be, not a question of do you want to do this. We would never leave this decision for their immature consideration.

Scripture says don't be concerned about what can destroy the body, just what can destroy the soul.

We are telling you we as parents are commanded to teach our children the Word of God daily to prevent spiritual death and eternity in hell. We can assure you it is proven that 97% of children who memorize the Word for 5 years or more never leave the church and the majority of those that do leave return.

The question is are we willing to dedicate ourselves as a parent team to obey God's commandments? Are we as determined to see our children spiritually strong as we are that they are physically well and educated?

They are being bombarded by spirits of hell in ways we have never experienced. They are enticed with and offered things we can't imagine. Before this is all over they may be taken from your home and questioned about their faith. Will we allow our children to face another day unarmed and unable to stand against the enemy? He knows their weakness. He knows what to say to make them question everything they've heard in the few hours they've had in Sunday School. Jesus used the Word when tempted. How can we think we or our children can get by with any less? The Word is what has power over the enemy. Their only defense is if we can get as much of the Word in them as possible, and accurately, so they will know exactly what it says and not have a question.

Children are in school 5 days a week and in church approximately 4 hours a week. If we aren't doing something extra to insure they know God's Word they have a slim chance of spiritual survival. They do not have the years, that you and I have had, to grow in God and be taught his Word. Time is short and we need to cram them with as much Word power as is possible.

If you can be disciplined to do this at home on your own that's wonderful. We will pray for you and be supportive. If you would like to make it fun and have a support group to encourage you and make you accountable to your commitment, we have the Bible Quiz Ministry.

The bottom line is, our only responsibility to children is not that they eat well, are healthy and strong, are well educated, dressed in the latest, or that we have developed their talents. Our only responsibility is to see that the human beings we have brought into this world make it to heaven.

If we really believe Matt 6:33 our job is simple and easy. Seek first the kingdom, place our focus and priorities on the spiritual health of our family, and all the other stuff we need or think is so important will be added to us according to what God sees as good for us. We complicate life and cause ourselves so much frustration when we get our priorities wrong.

When we are serious about this and we obey the commandment we have power with God concerning our children. When times of trouble do come to them we have ground to stand on and remind God, I kept your commandments and this child has been raised absorbed in your Word...now Oh God, we have done all you ask of us, and can do no more. The ball is in your court God. Let the power of your Word take control and take care of my child in this situation..

Who hears this and understand the seriousness of our responsibility? Who really comprehends this is the end of time? Who is willing to set the priorities of the home to focus on salvation of your family by empowering them with the Word? Who will come and make a new commitment, pray for a burden and right desires and focus for the children that God has given you? Who will determine not to send your child out into this world another day without armor, without a sword?