

**\*\*Parents Who Go the Extra Mile ~The POWER of Praying the Memorized WORD ~  
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Reading a book on praying the Word for our children the other day I thought how much more does this apply to parents who will go the extra mile by teaching them the Word, not just praying it over them. There is no greater motivational vehicle to make this a way of life for your family than Bible Quizzing.

Once your children have the verses memorized and you are quoting them every day, you, the parent will basically know them too. What power will your prayers take on when you mentally have the verses on call for any situation.

Below are 6 points I pulled from my reading and then commented on them.

1. "Parents do well in attempting to pass the virtues of Christian living on to their children." This is a must if our children are going to be saved! That is our primary responsibility as parents, to see that our children are among the residence of heaven. The Word teaches us every aspect of being Christ like in desires, actions, thoughts, priorities, relationships, & giving.

2. "Parents who fail to strengthen their teaching with prayer may become frustrated and miserably disappointed with their efforts." Having your daily personal time of prayer over your child, pleading the blood of Jesus over your family and home every day, is crucial. The Holy Ghost will give you ideas and make you creative in teaching the Word to your child in a way that you both will enjoy it.

Praying with them before you begin memorizing or quoting the Word is crucial. If they hit a brick wall, if their carnal flesh (or yours) begins to fight against it, if they become restless, if you both are getting frustrated, reward your efforts to this point with a treat and a short break, then return and pray together that God get the enemy & any hinderances out of the way so you can complete what you are needing to accomplish.

Remember, what you are doing IS GOD'S WILL and the enemy will fight you tooth and toenail to discourage it!

3. "Praying for your child involves petitioning God for His input into the fiber of your child's everyday life. God hears the sincere and fervent prayers of parents. This fact is proven from examples in the scriptures." (Jarius, Shunammite woman, Rizpah)

God being a part of the fiber of your child's everyday life is accomplished to the fullest extent by prayerfully putting the Word in them. Being consistent is blessed by God and is the key to memorization and knowing the Word. KEEP THE MAIN THING THE PRIORITY...Daily quoting of the verses previously memorized is a must. That is most important to the quizzers abilities and confidence at the quiz tournament.

You can not study enough questions to make them a good quizzier because the tournaments use different question writers. Although you may hear some of the same questions they may take a turn in the end of the question that only knowing the verse accurately will help the quizzier to know how to answer. We are in quizzing to fulfill the commandment of God as parents in

teaching the Word daily to our children..If we do our job right we will have a great quizzer but more importantly a child who knows the Word and is armed to face the world of deception.

The tournaments are fun and our motivation. We want them to do well so they will want to continue quizzing year after year, but that cannot be the priority in study time. If you & your child are faithful in learning the Word the successes at the tournaments will fall into place.

“Seeking first the kingdom of God”, not tournament/power quizzer success, is the goal, and we are promised if we keep things in right priority that all the other stuff will be added as blessing and enjoyment.

We all have to deal with life. We all have to take care of our responsibilities that life requires of us; work, school, financial situations, business, health issues, issues with things we own, prayer, devotional time, church. Quizzing will help you keep the kingdom of God in it's right place in all of life's junk. It will help you teach your child what this life is really about, living for God and getting to heaven. They will understand what has eternal value must be the top priority. That is priceless knowledge.

4.”There is a God-given desire in the heart of every human to know Him. Nurture this desire in your children with fervent prayer and encouraging words.”

There is no greater, more personal way to do this than to put the Word, the very essence of God in them. If we believe God is all powerful; if we believe the Word IS God, then we understand the power of what we are doing through Bible Quizzing. It will be the salvation of your children and family in whatever the last days will put upon us. This point alone is exciting.

The power you are placing in your child, the trust in the supernatural that it will give them, there is nothing they won't be able to do in this life as long as God is their focus. They will experience great things and acquire great things in God. You will see and experience “goodness and mercy following them all the days of their life and they will dwell in the house of the Lord FOREVER”!

We all want our children to be a “success”, well this is the key. No one is a success outside of the “will and plan” of God. Unlimited power, security , joy, strength,protection, direction is in your child when they have God's word in them. People who have quizzed and back slid say that the verses they memorized in quizzing haunted them day and night and is what brought them back to God. We have the promise,"when they are old they will not depart from it". One verse says that God can "cause" them to desire the things of God.

5. “When it is evident that a parent values prayer and the Word of God, this faith and practice is more likely to also become a way of life for the child”.

It is the parent, not the child's, responsibility to set the priorities and standards of the home. It is the parent's responsibility to example God to their child. God's word commands/instructs parents to do two things to raise a child successfully. First, teach them the Word daily. Make it the focus of your home each day.

If they want to have fun with it and be a part of the quiz ministry that's wonderful and makes it easy for everyone. But if they say they don't want to quiz, then let them know, in this house you will memorize the Word daily with or without being a part of quizzing. If you stand strong and stick with this standard we have seen 100% want to quiz. The second thing the Bible instructs parents to do is spank their behinds when they are disobedient and disrespectful. Teach them to fear God. God is love but He also is powerful, the creator, and He demands obedience. He

wants to bless us but if we refuse to obey He will make us wish we had obeyed. You can't hide from Him. He even knows our thoughts. Even if they hide something from you, God knows and can let Mom & Dad find out. Respect to God in obedience to His Word will establish respect for "those that have rule over you" in every area of life. This is the only way to lead a child to a successful, meaningful, productive adulthood and salvation for their souls.

6. We are admonished to let the Word "dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16)"

If you are a parent that is disciplined to teach your child 1 Bible verse a day on your own, my hat's off to you. To be honest I have not met that parent yet. I know of no better vehicle to motivate us to this discipline than Bible Quizzing. Not only does this bring God's focus on our children and empower our lives spiritually but there are great advantages to Bible quizzing itself that would be hard to obtain on your own or in any other activity.

Children may gain a few good character influences in sports or other activities but the Godly influence needed in every area of our lives will most probably not be there. The other carnally minded issues they will witness can have a very negative affect on their lives. To place your child in a system, run by worldly minded people, with their influences directly connected to your child is a dangerous place. Why would we put our children in a worldly environment for fun, and allow them to taste and see how much enjoyment they can find in the world, then as they reach adulthood and have offers to be professional or to just continue at higher levels, tell them they can't spiritually afford to continue. Why put them in this hard place of great temptation?

Advantages of quizzing:

A. Quizzing helps you in the discipline of learning the Word daily.

B. It makes us accountable for teaching our children the Word, and keeps us focused on the right priorities.

C. It teaches life skills in study habits, disciplines in time & priorities, team work, Godly lifestyle, faith, faithfulness, respect,

D. Quizzing develops a sharp mind with memory power which affects every aspect of life.

E. There is nothing more powerful than praying the Word that you have memorized and has become a part of your very fiber and heart core.

F. We are being obedient to the Word when we daily teach our children the Word, which brings blessings and benefits from the Word.

Ps.78:1-6. "For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he **COMMANDED** our fathers, that they should **MAKE THEM KNOWN TO THEIR CHILDREN**: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and **DECLARE** them to their children: **THAT THEY MIGHT SET THEIR HOPE IN GOD, AND NOT FORGET THE WORKS OF GOD, BUT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS**:

NIV of same verses - "He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. Verse 8 adds, "So They would not be like their ancestors—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him". Surely we would never want this to happen to our children.

Deut.6: These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7You shall teach them diligently to your sons 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.

Duet.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".

Bible Quizzing is our tool to make sure we are obedient to the Word and the benefits are so much more than the sacrifice of being selfless with your time. That's the main issue that parents have with Bible Quizzing...it requires one on one time with your child.

Here are important questions to ask ourselves...

Are your children worth whatever it takes?

Is their spiritual relationship worth it?

Is their soul worth it?

If this was a doctor telling you this was the only way your child could live, would you set aside the time for them?

If the doctor said this is the diet that will heal them, would you make sure they had this no matter the cost?

If the doctor required you driving 100 miles a day for treatment would it be worth the trip?

How much more important is your child's eternity than the well being of this flesh that will die?

Where are you placing the emphasis in your child's life, the body or the soul?

What are you feeding the most, the body or the soul?

What are you entertaining the most the body or the soul?

Nothing we do secures a ticket to heaven for our children. Choices made and desires of the heart will determine that. But we CAN make sure they are equipped with POWER and DESIRES that are DIRECTED and PROTECTED by the WORD. That's the best insurance we can offer them.

It is a fact there is nothing more powerful than praying the Word. But going that extra mile in drawing nearer to God through putting His Word in our memory ( for the Word IS God) and then praying it ,brings a Power and the attention of God into our lives like nothing else can do.

(Points used are from the book "Praying the Word Effectively" compiled by our Women's Ministry Team from various ladies in ministry and Bro. Raymond Woodward)