

Suffer the Children to Come  
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As I have been thinking about quizzing the past several days, about how important it is and how few really realize this...I was once again so thankful for you who are in this room today. You understand, to different degrees, what this is really about,.. or you wouldn't be here. Most of you have been involved in quizzing for several years! That speaks of your dedication to your children and burden for them. I want to encourage you with these thoughts....

This is not just a competitive game or extra curricular activity....**This is arming yourself and your children with the Word of God so that you have a defense against the onslaught of deception that is loose on the earth.** This is what will keep your children from being led away. God's word is what will give your children power to fight against the enemy. This will bring a spiritual maturity beyond their physical years.

There is nothing more important!! Not a great education ... not EVEN the best in careers... Knowing God's word is what will get them into eternity with God. That's the only reason we are here,... is to see that the children God ENTRUSTED us with are SAVED... When that is our focus and priority, we have a promise that all these other things they need in life (and we want for them) will be added...Seek first the Kingdom of God and living to please Him...

A verse of scripture popped into my head the other day...that I hadn't thought about in connection with quizzing before. Matthew and Luke recorded it and it just hit me after thinking about it for several days in a row....THIS IS WHAT WE ARE DOING!!

JESUS SAID, "SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME...FORBID THEM NOT!!!!" SUFFER means ALLOW/PERMIT orrrrrr BRING....

You as quiz parents are bringing your children to Jesus every day!  
We don't have the physical body of Jesus with us now to take them to sit at His feet...but we are bringing our children to Jesus in the only way we possibly can by teaching them His Word.

It cannot be up to a child ...it's up to the parents to say this is what we are going to do. It's too important for an immature child to make this spiritual decision. They will want to quiz UNTIL it becomes a challenge, or a little difficult and time consuming. They don't have the maturity to realize the power, the eternal value, of it. They don't know that it is life and death...it is more important than anything else...

We don't allow them to decide if they will go to school and get an education... or if they will put on a coat and shoes when there is snow and ice on the ground....OR if they will brush their teeth before going to bed.... How can we think they can make a wise, spiritual decision? God gave us children for one purpose!!!...**to get them to Him HERE, and continue that process into eternity.**

One Concordance said concerning this verse ,  
None are too little, too young, to be brought to Christ. It is the mind of Christ, that little children should be brought to him. The promise is to us, and to our seed; therefore He will bid them welcome to him with us.

Because children are meek, humble, trustful, guileless, unsophisticated, pure; is even the more reason we need to get our young children to Jesus before the world and the devil has a chance to get their fangs into them

Suffer - Allow, or permit.... or BRING

That's what we are doing...Sure they may grow up to be faithful and saved without quizzing... but not without KNOWING the Word of God. Not in this day...and surely not in the future. If they aren't grounded in the Word, every thing that can be shaken will be shaken. The day of evil these children will grow up in .. compared to your generation or any generation before them...is the worst this world has experienced. It's going to take more power with God than we can imagine.

If we are diligent in teaching the Word of God to our children every day, on our own, as Deut. 6 commands us to,... God is glad he gave us that child,... and there will be no greater blessing than taking that child to heaven. That is parental success!

But,... if you are like most parents and need a support and an accountability system, ... and you enjoy having fun with whatever you do with your family... then the Bible Quiz Ministry is here to be that for you. The tournaments are the motivational tool to keep us involved. They are the month by month reward for the hard work that's accomplished.

\*Why am I saying all of this to you?

Because I KNOW the days ahead, when it would be easy to give up...

I know days of discouragement that the devil will saturate you in ...

I know all the "justifiable" things that can get in your way OF being disciplined and committed...

I know about those interruptions,... that really aren't more important than your children... that you need to say NO to , and if you don't, they get you off track to the point it's hard to get back on.

I know the children are going to love quizzing at the tournaments, but find every excuse to get out of quoting AND memorizing on Monday... And you've got to be the parent and be strong and stand firm, when you really don't want to.

I know sometimes you wish they would pitch a harder fit, so you could just say, forget it for today, and feel ok and justified with that.

In these times, you've got to be the parent that remembers....Suffer little children to come unto me. FORBID THEM NOT..For such is the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus is saying, BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO ME EVERY DAY TO SIT AT MY FEET.

From the concordance I read, In the story of Martha and Mary ...Sitting at Christ's feet, signifies **readiness to receive his word, and submission to the guidance of it.** **Children who submit to the guidance of the word is our goal.**

Martha was consumed in worldly busy-ness, preparing food to entertain...As the scripture said, "Mary has chosen the good part". She was sitting at Jesus feet. The

earthly busy-ness can be a snare, and it only benefits for a moment, but taking time to sit at Jesus feet leads to eternity in heaven.

You have God's favor, you have God's attention when your priority for your children is relationship with God!.....There are just too many advantages in your child knowing God's Word, that money can't buy..

The devil HATES QUIZZING!! So stay prayed up and cover your home and your family in the blood of Jesus every day. When there is a problem, or your child is sick, you have your obedience to God's commandment, to stand on. You can remind God, I brought them to you through your Word. Now God we need you to take care of this child. It's the greatest insurance policy you can have.

We never want our children to breath the air of this world...to face the issues of life and the battles they will fight ...and not be armed to do it!! "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." He's asking us to bring them...**that's what we all are doing who are involved in Bible Quizzing.** I APPLAUD YOU for your burden and investment in your children!!

The song comes to mind...Jesus loves the little children...all the children of the world...they are precious in His sight!...Children are so special to God and so are the parents that make sure their priorities are in the right place, to make sure, come hell or high water, you will bring them to sit at Jesus feet every day.

If there are days you hit rock bottom call or text us. We will do what we can to help you and we will pray.

I have felt that we need to start a weekly prayer partnering for each of our families. We will all bind together in prayer each day for a week focusing on one family. If you have a special request or a specific need that you would like to present to the quiz family during your week, then let us know. Each Monday we will draw a family to focus our prayers on, to come against any thing the enemy tries to do in blocking or preventing you from bringing your children to Jesus every day through His word. 2019 is going to be a great and powerful quiz season!