

SERMON NOTES

SIX ESSENTIAL LESSONS FOR PARENTING

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

THE CHALLENGES OF YOUTH

How Important is Parenting

_____ knew the importance:

Judges 13:8

_____ us

Judges 13:12

Rule of life; _____ of life

His son is found in the "Chapter of Faith" (*Hebrews 11:32*) **Who is he?** _____

BE SOBER, BE VIGILANT; BECAUSE YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL WALKS ABOUT LIKE A ROARING LION, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR. (1 PETER 5:8)

SIX LESSONS FOR PARENTS

1. There are consequences _____ life and _____ life Galatians 6:7-8

The challenge is not to be a father or mother; the challenge is to be a _____!

What we are as PARENTS our children will largely become: _____!

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE *Galatians 5:16-26* (see back page)

2. Life is only ONE trip: no "do-overs" or "_____"

"If I knew now what I knew then"? "If only" *Hebrews 9:27*

"What will be the boy's rule of life, and his work?" *Judges 13:12*

3. Parenting is _____ for the unwilling nor the faint of heart

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 TAKES _____

Deuteronomy 6:20-25 _____

Ephesians 6:1-4 Training/Admonition

An ounce of parent is worth a pound of the clergy. (Spanish Proverb)



4. Faithfulness is in the _____; not on the church pew

Not being a faithful parent at _____ will teach your child hypocrisy in the _____

✓ *Deuteronomy 6* is the HOME

✓ *Proverbs 6* is the HOME

✓ *Ephesians 6* is the HOME

✓ *Proverbs 22:6* means to GO THAT WAY _____!

5. What you have in your hand is an _____ creature

Genesis 1:26-27 Lazarus / Rich man *Luke 16:22-23*

The _____ of his life will likely determine whose _____ he will live by .

Your example will influence your children: HOW WILL THEY RESPOND???

6. Faithful parents _____ stop teaching and admonishing

Titus 2:2-8 (Older teaching)

Proverbs 23:22 (Listen ... Old)

Revelation 14:13 (Their works)

2 Timothy 1:5 (Grandmother)

Psalms 71:18 (Declare)



IF CHILDREN LIVE WITH THE WORKS OF THE FLESH

- Sexual promiscuity ... no boundaries
- Materialism ... love the world
- Drug use ... imitation
- Hatred ... learn to hate
- Quarrelling ... contentious
- Jealousy ... self-centered
- Fits of anger ... angry adults
- Envy ... wanting everything
- Drinking ... learn to be drunks
- Reveling ... life is a party

IF CHILDREN LIVE WITH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- Love ... love God and others
- Joy ... blessings of being God's child
- Peace ... live in a world of chaos
- Longsuffering ... forgive enemies
- Gentleness ... compassion on others
- Goodness ... heart is where God dwells
- Faith ... build their lives on the rock
- Meekness ... servitude to others
- Self-Control ... defeat the devil

"Sacrificing Children" (Phil Roberts)

In Ezekiel 16:10, the Lord accuses the Israelites of sacrificing their children to idols: "Moreover, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne to Me and sacrificed them to idols to be devoured" (NASB). This is only one of many such references to this abominable practice recorded in the Old Testament. And almost without exception, whenever one of these references is read in a Bible class, some mother will exclaim that she just cannot see how any mother could do such a thing to her children. Surely, we all imagine to ourselves they must have been the worst sort of barbarians to do such.

How blind we are. For all our pious lamentations, I seriously doubt that there has ever been a nation of people who sacrificed more children to their idols than the people of America today. And I do not speak just of "un-Christian" America. In the Lord's church itself, I have seen mothers and fathers who would recoil in horror at the mention of the human sacrifices practiced by the Israelites; while at the same time allowing their own children to run straight to every altar Satan has erected in our land today. Some even push them down the road faster.

Parents who encourage their children to seek popularity through immodest dress and dancing. Parents who, by their example, teach their children to drink, curse, lie, and break the law. Parents who fail to love and discipline their children. Parents who are too busy to spend time with their children. Parents who are too wrapped up in their own lives even to teach their children the Bible and take them to worship God. In what respect do they differ from the Israelite parents who sacrifice them to idols? We sacrifice them to the gods of our jobs, television, materialism, and social popularity and then have the gall to be appalled at the practice of the Israelites. Lord, forgive us and help us to see our folly before it is too late – before judgment comes on us too.

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The challenge of youth is the challenge parents and grandparents face in the eternal task of forming from clay the hearts of their children to grow up to be Godly people waiting "for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God" *Hebrews 11:10*

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and **that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (*2 Timothy 3:14-17*)