

Not So Modern Family “Raising Godly Kids”

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 08.17.14

At the very core of raising children who fear God is an

understanding that God is the source of _____.
Ecclesiastes 11:5 Psalm 95:6-7 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

1. Parents are given primary _____ in training their children to know and fear God. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Results:

- Children place their believing _____ in this Almighty God.
- Children are _____ to God and experience His tremendous blessings in life.

2. Parents must understand the _____ of neglecting to give their children a deep knowledge of God.
Deuteronomy 30:19b-20a

Results:

- Children grow up in ignorance and _____.
- Children don't just struggle, they _____.

3. Parents must communicate clearly to their children the _____ of God in His Sons Jesus Christ.

- Through their _____ Ephesians 5:22-23
- Through their _____ Ephesians 6:1-4

Results:

- Children will know of their sin and of God's _____.
- Children will in turn _____ the truth of God to the next generation.

FURTHER STUDY:

1. If you could go back in time and give your parents a piece of advice from this week's sermon what would it be?
2. Instilling in our children a genuine fear of God is an important part of a parent's responsibility in raising children. To do this well we need to remember that many things are better "caught" than "taught." In light of that, what would it look like for you to model each of the following passages in such a way that those watching would be inclined to follow your example?
 - ⇒ Psalm 119:15-16 Matthew 5:13-16
Philippians 2:3-4 Colossians 1:15-20
 - ⇒ Despite our greatest of intentions, we don't have ultimate control over how our kids respond to our direction. There are some things that can increase our influence and some things that can sabotage it. What are some specific actions and attitudes that make it more likely that those under our influence WON'T follow our advice?
3. A strong marriage has a huge impact on kids. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and make a list of character qualities that communicate love.
 - ⇒ Then, if you're married, go back and rate how you are doing in regard to your spouse in each area on a scale of 1 to 10.
 - ⇒ Do the same in regard to your children.
4. There is importance and value of taking a genuine interest in the world of our kids regardless of their age. Part of doing that is simply identifying and affirming their unique interests, gifts and abilities. What does Proverbs 3:27 and 15:30 say about this principle?
 - ⇒ Take a moment and write down 2-3 abilities or positive character qualities of your children. If you are not a parent, think of a couple close friends.
 - ⇒ Pray for your children and grandchildren that they will know and serve Christ!