

TODAY'S LESSON

“HOW TO TEACH A CHILD TO WALK IN GODLINESS”

(1 Thes. 2:4-12).

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Why Teach Your Child To Walk?

- Independence **Prov. 29:15,17; Heb. 12:9-12**

Hebrews 12:9-11

9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Why Teach Your Child To Walk?

- Independence **Prov. 29:15,17; Heb. 12:9-12**
- Teach them why they should walk
- Give them a reason to desire to walk
- Teach where to walk (and where not to walk)
- Teach with whom to walk **Ps. 1:1; Prov. 1:10-18**

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4 But as we have been **approved by God** to be entrusted with the gospel, even so **we speak**, not **as pleasing** men, but **God** who tests our hearts. **5** For **neither** at any time did we use **flattering words**, **as you know**, nor a cloak for **covetousness** — God is witness. **6** Nor did we **seek glory from men**, either from you or from others, **when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ**.

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7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. 8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. 9 For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

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10 You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;
11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, **12** that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

How To Teach Your Child To Walk in Godliness?

- Same way you teach them to walk Hosea 11:1-4
- Like a father 1 Th 2:10-12
- Be a good example v.10
- *Encouraged*, counseling, advising
- *Comforted*, consoling, physically & mentally present John 14:16-18
- *Implored*, putting whole heart into motivating Prov. 23:26a

How To Teach Your Child To Walk in Godliness? Proverbs 23

First give your heart to your children; then
they will trust you enough to give theirs
23:26a

Teach them to avoid trouble 26b-35

Teach them to apply their hearts to wisdom
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Punish rebellion 13-14

Reward obedience and wisdom 15-16

Fear the LORD; keep hope alive 17-18

How To Teach Your Child To Walk in Godliness? Proverbs 23

Guide, not follow, your heart 19

Choose friends wisely 20-21

Respect parents (and others with authority)
22

Buy the truth and never depart from it 23

Appeal to their love for you 24-25

First, give your heart to God; then they will
trust you enough to give you theirs 23:26a

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, The LORD is one! **5** You shall love The LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. **6** These words which I command you today shall be in your hearts. **7** You shall diligently teach them to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, 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 frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:20-22

20 “When your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which The LORD our God has commanded you?’ **21** then you shall say to your son: ‘We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; **22** and The LORD showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.

Deuteronomy 6:23-25

23 Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers. 24 And The LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear The LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day. 25 Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before The LORD our God, as He has commanded us.”