

“Teaching Our Children To Be Spiritually-Minded”

Lesson Text: **Deuteronomy 6:1-9.**

I. First, Knowing What Spiritual Thinking Is All About.

- It Is The Opposite Of Carnal Or Worldly Thinking- **Romans 8:6; Galatians 6:1.**
- Carnality And Worldliness Is From The Devil- **1 John 2:15-17; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3.**
- Spiritual-Mindedness Is From God- **1 Corinthians 2:12-16; Romans 8:14.**
- It Is Valuing The Eternal Things Over The Temporary.
 - **Hebrews 12:16-17** (For “Profane Person” see NASB—NKJB—ESV—LEB)
 - **Luke 16:15.**
 - But Rather Like David- **Psalms 19:7-11.**
- It’s About Seeking *“Those Things Which Are Above....”* **Colossians 3:1-3.**

II. Being Intentional About Training Them In The Lord.

- **Proverbs 22:6** Our Children Must Have Been Taught God’s Ways To Be Spiritual.
- Bringing Them To Church (**Acts 20:7**); Teaching Them About Proper Worship (**Acts 2:42**); Helping Them Develop A Love For God (**Luke 10:27**); Teaching Them What Righteousness Is (**2 Timothy 3:16; Acts 24:24-25**); Teaching Them To Guard Their Hearts From Worldliness (**1 John 5:21**); Teaching Them To Be A Good Example To Others (**Matthew 5:16**).
- So Your Children Will Also Teach Their Children- **Deuteronomy 4:9.**

III. It Demands Correcting Bad Behavior.

- **Ephesians 6:1-4 (vs.4).**
- We may have to “Beat The Meanness Out Of Them.”
- Sadly, Too Many Parents Think It Unloving Or Too Harsh To Disciple Their Children.
- But We Must!— **Proverbs 22:15; 23:13-14.**

IV. It Is Motivated By Love.

- **1 Corinthians 16:14; 1 Peter 4:8.** Directed To The Church, But Also In Everything We Do.
- *“Love Is Patient and kind,”* **1 Corinthians 13:4 (ESV).**
- Children Need To Know They Are Loved— Especially After Being Disciplined.

V. It Starts With Us And Our Example.

- See **Deuteronomy 6:1-9** Again. Note: God Told The Parents To Do These Things First...
- Parents, You Are The Greatest Influence On Your Children! Make It Count....
- If Our Children See Us:
 - Doing The Wrong Things (Sin); Placing More Priority On Temporary Things; Forsaking The Assembly; Neglecting God’s Word... Can We Expect Something Different From Them?
- **Philippians 2:15.** Shining As Lights Should Begin At Home.