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Monday

Deut. 6:5 “And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Do you want God to be meaningful in the life of your children or grandchildren? Then your first priority must be to make God meaningful in your life. C. S. Lewis noted that if God exists then He is obviously the most important of all that exists. When we elevate God’s importance in our own life, Children sense His importance for their lives. If we speak of God but do not really make Him a priority in our life and worship, children will sense that God is not really important at all. Their lives will begin to reflect our lack of true conviction.

Tuesday

Prov. 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

The proverb is not a promise to be claimed but an instruction to be heeded! It is a command of God to the people of God. Paraphrased it might read, “Take responsibility for your children. They have been entrusted to you by God. Train them. Discipline them. Teach them God’s principles. Shape them while they are young and bendable. Show them by your own life what it means to walk with God. If you do so, they will follow your lead and grow to be men and women of godly character and living faith.” Don’t wait to *claim it* in desperation. Live it!

Wednesday

Deut. 11:19 “And you shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up.

Our walk with God is not to be a “religious exercise” that is cold, structured, relegated to Sundays, and bearing little impact upon the rest of our lives. Instead, genuine faith is a living, close relationship with God. Such faith is lived out before our children each day. It will then be natural for us to speak of God and His principles with our children as we take a stroll, at bed time, or while sitting around the table. Develop such a faith and you will indeed train your children in the “way they should go.” Jesus is the *way*, truth, and life.

Thursday

Psa. 119:103 How sweet are Thy words to my taste!
Psa. 119:105 Thy word is a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path.

Doctrine = knowledge of God. When I say that doctrine is not important, I am really saying that knowing God is not important. When I neglect the deep truths of God’s word, I cannot teach the deep truths of God to my children or others. Children trust their parents and grandparents more than anyone else. They will take your statements of God at “the truth” above what others say. Make sure that you are growing in the truth of God’s word. Don’t just believe it – know it!

Friday

Eph. 5:31 A man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

To raise up godly children build a godly marriage. Children thrive where their parents love and express love for one another. Children sense security in a godly marriage relationship. Children see an example of God’s love in their parent’s love for each other. Spend time building up your spouse and strengthening your marriage and you will be investing well in your children.w