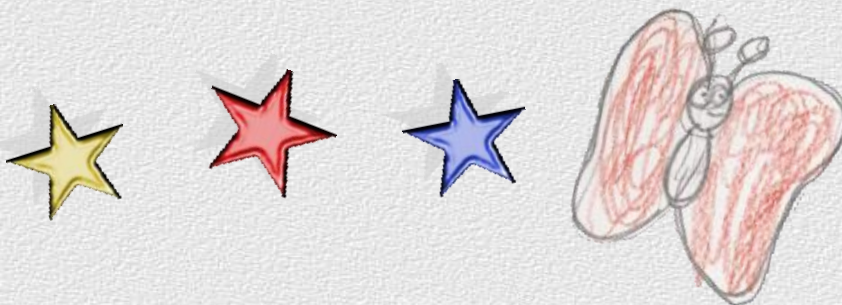




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Train Up A Child

For many years it was our custom to have family devotions every night. Now, as children get older, you have to adjust your custom. Almighty God knows how to put life in your children, how to put the Word into your children. He knows what you should do.

Well, for years at the dinner table after supper, we would teach our children. And the figures that you've seen me draw, they have seen all their lives because I believe I'm responsible. If my children become twenty and they don't know about the spirit, soul, and body of man, I think I've missed God. If they don't understand faith or recognize Jesus as their Healer, I am responsible. Wayne and Becky Combee are responsible for the education of their children! It's not so important that they play Little League. Yet, I believe in Little

League. But sometimes we get so bothered, we get so "gung ho" about physical things that we forget the most important things, and those are the things of the spirit. When our children got older and restless, we put them in charge of our devotions. They would draw, and they would... oh, we did all kinds of silly things. And just

five minutes, ten minutes, you have twenty years, so you don't have to go too long. On a particular night, one of the children was in charge when the glory of the Lord fell. I'm talking about God came into our dining room.



We have an antique pine table, still have it, with two benches and four chairs. If I didn't like it so much I'd buy a round table. Every now and then I think, "You should really be round," but I can't bear to get rid of it. I just love that table. Well, the glory of the Lord fell and the children froze in their place. Oh, thank God for the glory! Thank God for the power! Thank God for change. Thank God for parental responsibility and Holy Ghost leadership. If it wasn't for the Holy Ghost, I wouldn't have a clue what to do most of the time.



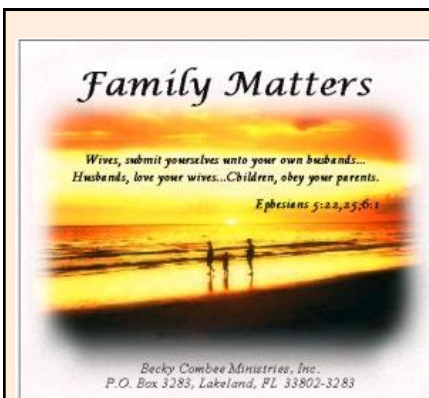
Here's where I want to place some emphasis. We've misunderstood the goals for our children. Usually our foremost goals are to see them graduate from high school, to help them obtain a driver's license, and to send them to college to prepare for a career. And yet God said, Ephesians 5:31, our son is going to "leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh..." Your goal for that little boy is to see to it that he's independent of you, dependent on Almighty God and has the capacity, the capability, to cleave unto a wife. That's the goal. Can your son be the "head of his wife"? Can he lovingly build a home and be out front? Can your daughter reverently submit to a husband? That will be their job! That's what we are preparing them for. How do we do it?

First, let's note this scripture. The Bible says we must put God's Word in our heart, in our soul. Then it

says, "teach [God's Word to]...your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down...when you rise up." (Deuteronomy 11:18-19) That pretty well covers all of life. Doesn't it? When we get up in the morning, we speak to our children about Jesus. Before we lie down at night, we talk to them about God. When we walk with them during the day, we teach them Biblical truths. That's our part.

Children need to learn to walk by faith. They need to know what we know. And what we know we're passing on to them as we teach them and walk with them. Oh, there's a lot we don't know. I just say, "Momma doesn't know, but we'll look it up. We'll find out. Why? Because God is more important than any secular activity. We will break our neck for sports or music or art and forget to open our Bible and read to our children. It breaks my heart.

Let's train our children. We may not do everything right. In fact, Wayne and I made several mistakes. But when I get to Heaven, I want God to be able to say, "My, you tried." Wouldn't it be sad if God said, "Poorest effort I ever saw in my life. What were you doing?" I want Him to say, "My, you tried."



This article by Becky Combee is from the message "Train Up A Child" in the series "Family Matters". In "Train Up A Child", Becky promotes the role of the church and explains the responsibility of godly parents to

teach, train, and discipline their children. You will be encouraged as God says, "I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring." (Isaiah 44:3,) To obtain an audio copy of this series, send \$24.00 to the address below. We will send it to you postage paid.

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Deuteronomy 30:19 - I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live

Daniel 1:17a - As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom

Psalms 37:25-26 - ²⁵I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread. ²⁶ He is ever merciful, and lends; and his descendants are blessed.

Psalms 112:1-2 - ¹ Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments. ² His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

Psalms 115:14 - May the LORD give you increase more and more, you and your children.

Proverbs 20:7 - The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

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

Isaiah 54:13 - All your children shall be taught by the LORD, And great shall be the peace of your children.

Ephesians 6:1-3 - ¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: ³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

Unless otherwise noted, all scriptures are New King James.