

Lesson 6

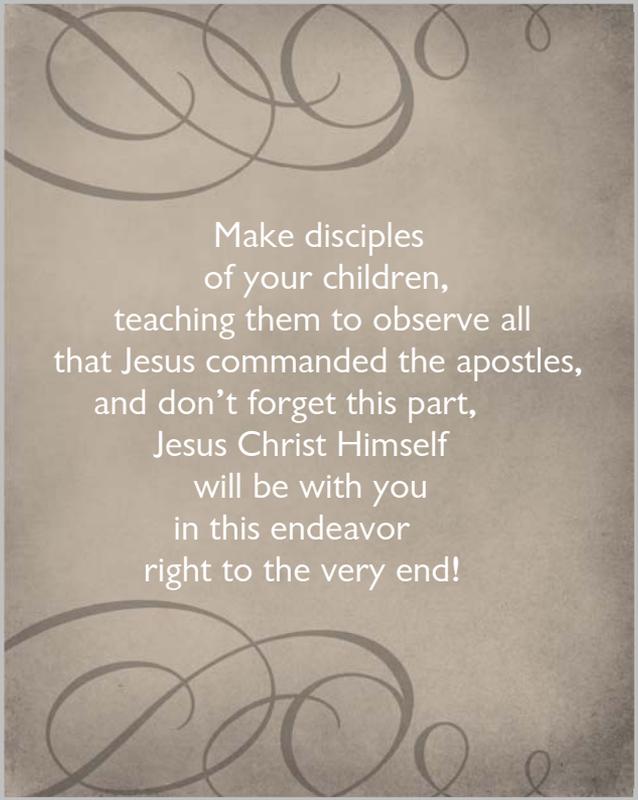


Spiritual Discipling of our Teenage Children by Linda Minnick

Go therefore and make disciples . . . teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
~ Matthew 28:19-20

Our Great Commission

“What is a godly mother?
A godly mother is one who
Loves the Lord her God
with all her heart,
soul, mind, and strength
and then passionately,
consistently, and unrelentingly
teaches her child to do the same.”
~ Elizabeth George



Make disciples
of your children,
teaching them to observe all
that Jesus commanded the apostles,
and don't forget this part,
Jesus Christ Himself
will be with you
in this endeavor
right to the very end!

The First Step of Discipleship: Salvation

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you.

~ 2 Peter 1:10

What to THINK about struggles for assurance

*When I was a child, I used to **speak** like a child, **think** like a child, **reason** like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.*

*For now we **see** in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I **know** in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.*

~ 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

-They have to get to know the Lord “all over again.”

-It's quite natural that they would need reassurance now that they are “speaking, thinking, and reasoning” more and more like an adult.

What to DO about struggles for assurance

-Be discerning

-Keep teaching and witnessing to them the truths of the Gospel

. . . and faith comes by hearing the word of God.

~ Romans 10:17



The Second Step of Discipleship: Teaching All Things

*. . . teaching them to observe
all that I commanded you . . .*

I want my children to believe what I believe,
but not because I believe it.

*I have no greater joy than this,
to hear of my children walking in the truth.
~ 3 John 1:4*

Who is commissioned to teach **OUR** children?

-The Old Testament Example

Genesis 18:19—Abraham

*For I have chosen him (Abraham), so that he
may **command his children** and his household
after him to keep the way of the LORD.*

Deuteronomy 4:9-10—Moses

*Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul
diligently, so that you do not forget the things
which your eyes have seen and they do not
depart from your heart all the days of your life;
but **make them known to your sons and your
grandsons**. Remember the day you stood before
the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD
said to me, "Assemble the people to Me, that I
may let them hear My words so they may learn
to fear Me all the days they live on the earth,
and that they may **teach their children.**"*

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

*"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. "You shall **teach them diligently to your sons** and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.*

Psalm 78:1-8—The Times of the Kings

*Listen, O my people, to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, Which we have heard and known, And our fathers **have told us.** We will **not conceal them from their children,** But **tell to the generation to come** the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.*

*For He established a testimony in Jacob
And appointed a law in Israel, which He
commanded our fathers that they should
teach them to their children, that the
generation to come might know, even the
children yet to be born, that they may arise
and **tell them to their children,** that they
should put their confidence in God and not
forget the works of God, but keep His
commandments.*

-The New Testament Mandate

Fathers . . . bring up your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

~ Ephesians 6:4

-How do we carry out our commission?

-Accept our responsibility

We cannot expect our children to leave our homes, go out into the world, and believe or practice anything that we as parents have not talked to them about!

-Go for the Heart

*My son, do not forget my teaching,
But let your heart keep my
commandment.* ~ Proverbs 3:1

As truth is passed down
from one generation to the next,
genuine internal Biblical Christianity can easily
become artificial outward Christian tradition.

-Fleshing it out!

Deuteronomy 6:7 . . . when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

All different times in all different ways, planned and unplanned, formal and informal.

See Meditations on Psalm 145

-Talk

-Time

Talk and Time are number one Parenting Priorities!

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