

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Train Up a Child

I will never forget your precepts ...

I. The Law

- A. The Precepts of the Lord
- B. Woven into Life

II. The Gospel

- A. The Way to Life
- B. The Life of Faith

III. From Love

- A. With Grace
- B. And Understanding

... for by them you have given me life.

Children, Listen ...

1. Where does God say His Word should be in v. 6?
2. Who is supposed to make sure you are taught God's Word?
3. Besides home, where are you learning the Bible?
4. If we try to be the best we can, is that enough to make us good with God? Why or why not?
5. The Gospel is the "Good News" of salvation and teaches us the way to be right with God through Jesus? Have you trusted in Jesus to save you from your sins?

A Fountain of Life

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death. Proverbs 13:14. Those of us who were taught the Word of God by faithful, gracious saints when we were young should be very thankful to the Lord, and to them. We thank God for those are currently involved in teaching our youth – and we thank you for doing so. There is life in the words of a wise and sound Bible teacher.

It is a great privilege to teach our young ones the things of the Lord. Parents have the primary responsibility to instruct their children in the Word of God and should take great joy in doing so. Others can share in the blessing as well: Grandparents, Sunday school teachers, youth group leaders and the like can have great influence on the way youth develop in the faith. Teaching God's Word, like teaching anything else is educational – we provide vital information that is stored up in the brain – but it is the content of the Bible that God wants us to know most – and to have it sink into our hearts. The impact of God's Word taught is transformational. Other teachings may transform life for better or worse, but God's Word alone with the work of the Spirit is used to save and sanctify souls and shape the way we live our lives. May we be diligent in our various capacities as handlers of God's Word to present the Holy Scriptures in a clear and understandable way with all humility and grace to the precious generation of Covenant youth we are honored to have with us. May God bless the efforts of our home and our church to make disciples of Christ out of your young people.

"Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life,
and we have believed, and have come to know,
that you are the Holy One of God."

Simon Peter in John 6:68-9