

A People Who Live In Light of Eternity

“Educating with an Eternal Perspective”-2 (May 23)

This Mornings Scripture: Colossians 3:1-3; Psalm 78:1-11; Proverbs 22:6

REVIEW

- The great desire of God’s heart for HIS people throughout the ages has been for them to be a holy expression of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ in the midst of the pagan cultures that they have been set.
- Every community needs a holy, separated, Christ-loving and Christ-honoring church. More than anything else, America needs true Bible-believing Baptist churches in each and every one of its small towns, as well as its large metropolitan areas.
- We need to be a people who live in light of eternity, a people who are heavenly-minded; a people who are contending *“for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints”* (Jude 3), a people who will *“be strong in the Lord”* and *“stand against the wiles of the devil”* (Ephesians 6:11, 12) that have so pervaded and permeated the day in which we live!

One aspect of becoming and remaining—for generations to come—an eternally-minded people who are *“living in light of eternity,”* is to be certain the next generation is trained up in *“the way that they should go”* (Proverbs 22:6).

In other words, we need to educate our children biblically, not culturally. Our Baptist children need to receive a biblical education that emphasizes not only biblical truth, but our great heritage as a Baptist people.

- A true Christian education actually begins at the time of our salvation and continues until we meet our Lord Jesus face-to-face, either at our going home to be with Him or at His coming (2 Peter 3:18).
- The ultimate goal of education should be Christ-likeness (Romans 8:28).
- The primary purpose for the educating of children for Christ belongs to the family and the church (Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Psalm 78:1-11; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 4:11-6).
- A true education starts and ends with the Holy Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Peter 2:2).
- The home, the church and the school (if children are not being home schooled) must be going in the same direction and teaching the same things to prevent confusion and callousness in the hearts and minds of the child (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).
- A Christian education provides the *instruction* and the *inspiration* that enables a committed disciple of Christ to live in light of eternity (2 Timothy 3:15-17; Colossians 3:1-3).

This Week's Lesson:

As parents, churches and schools we have the responsibility to pass on to the next generation, what God has had others pass on to us. There are so many passages that deal with our responsibility to pass the biblical baton on to the next generation.

- In **Deuteronomy 6**, we find the obligation we have to "*diligently*" teach our children the words and ways of God, instilling within them a love for the Lord Jesus Christ.
- In **Psalm 78:1-11**, we find the command to teach the generations to come the principles and precepts of God's words in order that "*they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.*"
- In **Proverbs 22:6**, we are commanded to "*train up a child in the way he should go,*" so that "*when he is old, he will not depart from it.*"
- In **Ephesians 6:4**, we find that it is the fathers who are responsible "*to bring them (the children) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*"

*The word "*nurture*" refers to tenderness

*The phrase "*admonition of the Lord*" refers to teaching

*Nearly the entire book of Proverbs is the teaching and instruction ("*admonition of the Lord*") of a father to his son.

It is vitally important that, we as parents understand that we are responsible for the "*nurture*" and the "*admonishing*" of our children.