

## Deuteronomy 11:18-21 (NLT2)

*So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors.*

**“Stop loving your kids straight into hell.”**

Wow, that’s an eye opening statement, but one that the Lord has given me for today’s devotional. Now some of you may be reading that and thinking, *“I’m not loving little Jonny and little Suzy into hell.”* And maybe you are not... But then maybe you are, and in your love you don’t realize it. Think of this, when you teach your kids something, what is the bases that you are teaching them? Is it based on your own preferences or likes or dislikes, or are they based upon God’s word? One example is, Are you teaching them to miss church on Sunday so that they can play sports instead? What priority does that teach your children? Maybe that sports are more important than church and even God?

Some will think, *“Well I let them learn from their mistake, because there is no better way of learning then by letting them go on in life and learn from their mistakes.”*

Hmm, so when you kids start school, instead of allowing the teachers to teach them that  $2 + 2 = 4$ , they should let them go on their own and learn that  $2 + 2 = 4$  by their mistakes? No, I didn’t think so. Therefore, it’s obvious that we are to teach our children and not let them learn on their own.

Also, based upon what we teach them, is the way they will head into life when they are out on their own. Even the Proverbs teaches us that.

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

Some even go as far as proudly saying that they have never spanked their child. Really, is your child that perfect that they have never, ever deserved a spanking? Even if you don’t believe spanking a child is right, that is your belief, but you can’t back it up in the bible, in fact, the bible says the opposite.

† **Proverbs 29:15** *The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.*

As I read that, how many mother's do not spank their children and the results is that they are really ashamed of their child and even make up excuses like, "*Well, little Billy is being little Billy, that's just the way he is. He'll grow out of it.*" A quick smack on the bottom will help him grow up out of it a lot faster.

But this devo is not about if you spank your child or not, but rather, are you teaching your children the things of God, or are they just the things you like or dislike? Today's verses are speaking of God's law and how we as parents are supposed to teach them to our children, "***Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.***"

Notice the word "***them***" in the verses "***Teach them; Talk about them***" I read that and that tells me that we are to teach everything to them, even if they don't like it or agree with it or if it seems to be a tough subject or not a popular one now a days. We have to remember that they are kids, and that they have no real concept of what is right and wrong, because right now they are learning it from TV, the Internet, Social Media, Video games, their non Christian friends, and sad to say, even in the public schools. That's why we, as parents, are to teach them the right way, so they don't depart from it and will choose the right way, just as we read in **Proverbs 22:6** "***Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.***"

But if you lovingly allowing the world, video games, TV, movies, etc. to direct and teach your children, and allowing them to do wrong things and not wanting to correct little Johnny or little Suzy because you think it will damage them growing up, then you are loving them straight into hell.

Don't allow the world to influence the raising of your children, no matter how popular it may seem to be. If you want Godly children, then you must teach them Godly ways from the bible. But if you want kids who are just like the other kids of the world, then keep allowing everyone, and everything but the bible to guide their lives.

What example are you showing your kids, and where are you loving them to, Heaven of Hell, with your example?

† **Matthew 23:15 (NLT2)** ***What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person into twice the child of hell you yourselves are!***

† **Deuteronomy 4:9-10** ***Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may***

*learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'*

† **Psalm 34:11** *Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*

† **Psalm 78:4-6 (NLT2)** *We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders. For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children.*