

WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS

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Do you remember when you were in Bible classes as a young person? All those Old Bible stories, songs, and of course memory work. Memorizing Bible passages and repeating them to the teacher and class. Could you quote one of those passages today? I can- John 11: 35, "Jesus wept".

Seriously, why did our teachers, and parents, desire for us to learn those passages at such a young age?

"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them': {Ecclesiastes 12: 1}

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

"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, " {Deuteronomy 4:9}

Do you see the point? God wanted these things to become a part of our children's thinking, to always keep on their heart the good things God has done for His greatest creation--mankind!

Let me give some passages that would do well for some of us adults to "write on our children hearts " (ours too).

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." {John 3:16} Never forget our salvation had a high price!

"Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. "{Proverbs 30:6} Adding to God's word has serious consequences!

"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. "{1 John 3:4} "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. "{James 4: 17} "But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin." {Romans 14:23}

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. "{Romans 6: 23} We need to show our children the ugliness, deceitfulness and terrible cost of sin! Remind them the cross is not only an example of love but of hate – God's hatred for sin!

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." {Acts 20:28}

We need to be constantly reminded of the high payment Christ paid for the church. If we do so maybe we will think missing services is a big deal!

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. " {John 4:24}

"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. " {Matthew 15:8,9}

Our children need to be taught at an early age that God designed the worship of the church. Man cannot change the focus, work or elements of that worship and please Him!

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. "{John 14:15}

"And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, " {Hebrews 5:9 " **Write on their hearts!**"***