

## **SPIRITUAL SECURITY** (*FOR OUR CHILDREN*)

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As each school year begins, many concerns present themselves to parents. One of these is the safety and security of their children. Call me a paranoid dad, but I have never been totally satisfied with school security measures. Evil people can spot weaknesses and opportunities that make it possible for them to carry out wicked plans. In this dangerous world, we want to do our best to provide the best security for our loved ones and belongings. But are we really protecting our children from the most dangerous threats?

The ironic, and tragic, truth is that many who would go to any length to protect their children from physical danger are allowing them to be violated daily by spiritual evil that attacks their souls. We could hire a team of bodyguards for them, but who will guard their souls from the false theories and philosophies of men? Are we protecting them from the errors of evolutionary theories, anti-religious bias, and situation ethics? Are we trying to protect them from the immorality that is so prevalent in our society? Dangers lurk all around us; have we invested in the spiritual security that God's word provides for our children?

Of course, hiding our children in their rooms with the shades drawn is not the answer. Young people must learn how to properly interact with their society and other people. But we must teach them God's word so they can distinguish truth from error. They need to learn to always be wary of Satan who is seeking their soul. We protect our computers and sensitive information from being stolen and abused. Shouldn't we value our children more and make every effort to use God's truth to secure their souls? The most important security we can afford our children is the security that comes from knowing they have a relationship with God! \*\*\*