

Teach Your Children about Sin

Romans 6:20-23

PROPOSITION: Though there is a tendency to keep children ignorant about sin, they must be prepared for the attacks of Satan and be ready for his deceit.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Parents want to build a wall around those they love and keep the world and all its evil out.
2. But the sooner we start with the teaching of truth the better.
3. Children must be led to believe that sin, in any form, must not be engaged.

DISCUSSION: Teach them about sin's...

I. Entrance.

- A. Satan's method of approach is insidious.
- B. In the Garden, he worked on the pride of Eve (Gen. 3:5).
- C. "The danger of pride is that it feeds on goodness" (David Rhodes).
- D. Help your children not to be blinded by Satan's sophistication.

II. Espousal.

- A. Satan makes appealing promises, but the end is always shame and remorse.
- B. He is very deceptive in his practices.
- C. Sin looks attractive at first, but is bitterly disappointing in the end (cf. David; 2 Sam. 11, 12).
- D. The devil does not show, in advance, the broken homes and shame that plague the sinner.

III. Enslavement.

- A. Along with sin, Satan comes as an unwelcome guest (cf. Rom. 6:16).
- B. Sin makes addicts to substances and perversions.
- C. We must warn our children of the tyranny of sin.
- D. Every weakness we see in our lives is there because of sin.

IV. End.

- A. The heinousness of sin is seen in the destruction of all who will not repent.
- B. Men may destroy the body, but sin will destroy the soul.
- C. Sin destroys our most precious things.
 1. Peace of mind
 2. Self respect
 3. Souls
- D. No one neglects a child's spiritual development out of love, concern, and care.

CONCLUSION: Warn your child of the heinousness of sin in order to save his soul.