

# Teach Your Children to Keep Themselves Pure

Luke 1:57-66

PROPOSITION: Parents have the obligation to see that children are taught the importance of a pure life as the Bible instructs.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

1. Parents protect their children from situations that cause harm. They must recognize spiritual danger.
2. As the home goes, so goes everything else.
3. A pure life is of great concern (cf. Matt. 5:8). However, such purity is maintained only by application of the teachings of Jesus Christ.
4. The pure heart is clean from corrupting thoughts, foul imaginations, and unholy deeds.

## **DISCUSSION: In regard to purity, parents should teach their children...**

### **I. To guard their thoughts.**

- A. What Solomon wrote is still right (cf. Prov. 23:7).
- B. Pure thoughts engender pure words and, usually, right words are translated into proper deeds (cf. Phil. 4:8).
- C. The minds of our children must feed on the right kind of literature (cf. Psa. 119:9).

### **II. To give their bodies to the Lord.**

- A. Christians are told that the individual as well as the church is the temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19, 20; 2 Cor. 6:16).
- B. If anyone destroys the temple, God will destroy him/her (1 Cor. 3:17).
- C. Young people have many opportunities to defile their precious bodies, which is why parents must make sure they hear the right things, read the right materials, and see the right TV programs and movies.
- D. Pre-marital sex is wrong. Teach your children that God will judge the fornicator (Heb. 13:4).
- E. Be careful about your appearance and what you let your children wear.
  1. Put on the armor of light (Rom. 13:12).
  2. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 13:14).
  3. Put on the new self (Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10f).
  4. Put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:11).
  5. Put on love (Col. 3:14).

### **III. To put first things first.**

- A. Putting first things second means that God and His glorious church do not have priority over one's life (cf. Matt. 6:33).
- B. Parents must insist on their children's loving and respecting God, reverencing His word, and being regular in Bible study and worship.

## **CONCLUSION:**