



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

1-28-24: Christian Education Week

Mission: Teach These Truths to Your Children

Theme: Teach, Learn, Switch.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Matthew 18:1-5

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

²He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

1. Consider Paul's words in 2 Tim. 3:14. "You know those from whom you learned it." What has been your experience with Christian Education (i.e. Family Worship, Home Devotions, Christian Day School, Sunday School, Confirmation classes etc.) throughout your life?

2. Remembering your personal experience, what do you think left the biggest impression or made the biggest impact on you? (A parent, a pastor or teacher, something you did as a family etc.)

3. Thinking of Moses' command to teach and talk about God's word throughout the day, how is this going currently in your household? What's going well? What has been a struggle?

4. These sections might make parents feel guilty, like they're not doing enough. Law as mirror is meant to confront us, but guilt will not get you over the hump to carry out these commands. Only the power of the Gospel empowers you. What about the Scriptures make us want to have our lives to revolve around them?

5. Identify one thing you want to try or focus on more in your personal or family worship/devotional life.

6. Sometimes it happens even when parents go to church or say their "meal prayers," that kids perceive it as them being forced to go through the motions. How can you demonstrate your heart to them, and not just a routine?

7. Scripture often holds children up as models of faith. What is it about them that makes Jesus say, "You must change and become like little children."