What I Want My Children to See

Phil Robertson · Deuteronomy 6:4–9

INTRODUCTION

- You shall teach them diligently to your children. You shall talk of them when you sit in your house. When you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise.
- Parents, you need to be careful with what your children are seeing. What they see will greatly affect them. And you're in control of what they see.
- A very basic fact of life that what you see affects you. What you see changes you.

1 The Value of God's Word

Hebrews 4:12

- I want my children to see the value of God's word.
- This word is powerful. It is living, it is active. And it's what God has given us to mold and chisel the heart of our children.
- Quizzing and teaching can be very valuable. Bible class should never be an option.
- If he never breaks par, but he learns God's word. Haven't I succeeded as a father in what God has called me to do?

2 The Glory of God's Creation

Psalm 8; Psalm 19

- I want them to see the glory of God's creation.
- The psalmist says, God, I've considered what your fingers have made.
- Slow down, turn off the screen, turn off the television, and go outside with our children and just look at what God has made.
- To prove God, the psalmist says, you look to the heavens and then you look to the heavenly library?

3 The Need for Correction

Proverbs 29:17; Proverbs 15:5; Hebrews 12:1–2

- Wise people, successful people. Understand the need for discipline.
- Discipline is training. Discipline is teaching. Discipline is learning self-control.
- Correct your son, and he will give you rest.
- We need discipline to keep our eyes fixed upon the Lord.

4 The Dedication of Older Christians

Psalm 92:13–14

- I want my children to see older Christians who understand that they still have great purpose and a great need in the body of Christ.
- They're going to bear fruit in old age. For they shall be fresh and flourishing.
- One of the greatest things you can do is take interest in those who are younger. To go to their games, to listen to their stories, to teach them skills, to show them faith never ends.

5 True Heartfelt Worship

Ezra 6:19–22; Acts 2:42

- They stood for the reading of God's word, and they stood for all of it.
- They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer.
- They're watching us, brethren. They're watching us.
- Let's show them what is true. Let's show them what is heartfelt.

6 Loving Parents, Evangelism in the Home, Servitude

Ephesians 5; Acts 16; James 1:26–27

- I want my children to see loving parents. But even more so, loving parents who are in love.
- You give them security by being in love with one another.
- Our house, our possessions, our cars, our resources are simply tools for the master that he's given us a privilege to use for him.
- When parents are servants, and their children grow up in a home full of godly servants, those are the children that more often than not are faithful to the Lord.

THE CHALLENGE

Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see. For there's a father up above looking down in tender love. Be careful, little eyes, what you see.

MY NOTES