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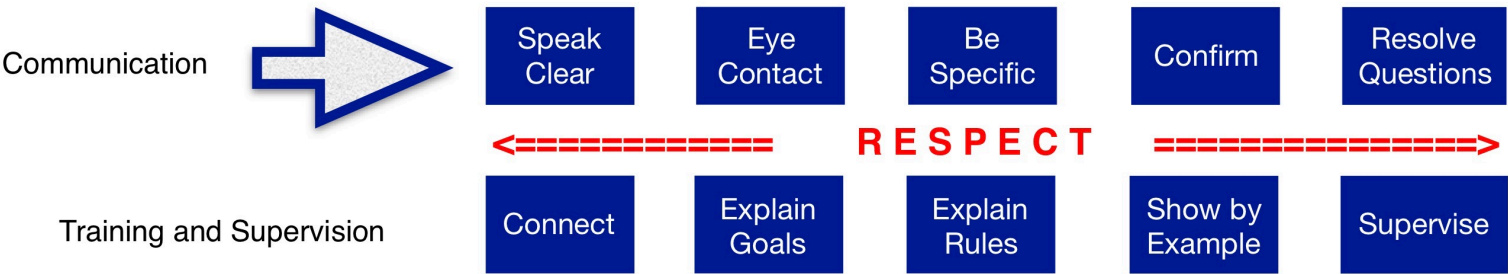


Today's Message:

Let the children come to me
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Matthew 19.14 “Let the little children come to me. Don’t stop them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people who are like these children.”

Children are the future of our families, churches, cities, states and countries! **Deuteronomy 6.7**



Proverbs 22.6 Proverbs 13.24 Proverbs 3.12 Colossians 3.21 Proverbs 28.9 Proverbs 27.11 & 29.3

The future of our children:			
Moral Values	Education	God & Church	Our Country
Accountability			

My Personal Notes: _____

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Prayer: “Thank you Lord, Father God, for our country. Thank you Father for our freedom. Thank you for our Founding Fathers, Lord. Thank you Lord that in 1776 we obtained our freedom, and the Declaration of Independence was signed. Thanks to their effort we can live in this country freely and one of the rights that we have is the freedom to worship you Lord, and we declare here in this part of the country, in Odessa, Texas, from Victory Church, Lord, this group of people, we declare that Jesus is Lord! And we have the freedom to speak it and declare that greatness of yours, Lord. In Jesus name, we worship you, Lord. I am so excited, Lord! I am so excited to share with Your people, Your Word.”

Do you know friends that we have among us in Victory Church, some people that served our country? Dan Florence is one of them and I want to thank you sir for your service to our country and we appreciate that very, very much. There are other friends that are not here now, but also they served our country, like Patrick Wilkerson. He is Pennie’s son and we want to thank him for his service. Also, we have our boy, Zac. He is in the army, as well, as we speak. He is serving our country and we give thanks to the Lord for that because of the freedom that we have.

Do you know what is interesting? It makes so much sense to me that today when we are talking about Independence, and how this topic of today, matches perfectly with what the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 19.14. It has to do entirely with the foundation of our country, which is always thinking of the future. Thinking ahead, thinking of the future, and I read this passage of Scripture in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 19.14, the Lord Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me. Don’t stop them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people who are like these children.”

People who are like children!

Children were attracted to see the Lord Jesus. Do you know that? When the Lord Jesus was healing people and doing miracles, and transforming the water into wine, and recovering the sight of the blind, and healing the paralytics and all those miracles that He was doing. Everyone was amazed. Children were listening, too...

Sometimes we are not aware actually, how powerful what we are speaking is in the eyes and the minds of our kids. Our kids really pay attention to what we are saying. One day somebody said to me that the mind of a kid is like a white page that you write whatever you want. Do you know what is sad about it? It is that there are many, many families and many, many lives, that what they wrote on their white page, was just trash. One thing that I always appreciated in my family is that we were always focused on the positive. You never heard my dad or my mom talking bad about anybody. Never. In my home, when I was growing up as a kid, I always heard my parents talking good things about others.

They always were complimenting other people, and I knew that sometimes people were mean to them, but I never saw my parents retaliating. I never heard that. Even in the last days of their earthly lives, when my parents were struggling with health issues, they didn't change that fact. They always were so confident about how the good Lord had them in His hands. They said to me, "We are trusting in the Lord. If we die humanly speaking, we know what is happening. We're just being transported to Heaven because that is what we what we believers believe because of our Lord Jesus."

We believe in the Scripture! Children are like a white page. A white page, like the one that one day Thomas Jefferson decided to use to start writing. He decided, 'I'm going to write that document.'

It was a white page. What are the first words in our Constitution? "We, the people"... the people, kids, adults, old, young people, all together, and then on that white page they poured out what is what they wanted us to believe. They wanted this country to be great. But in order to have that freedom, it was necessary for some sort of fight, because things are not going to happen in our lives just automatically. Oh no, no. You know that if you want to get a degree, you need to work hard to get that degree. If you want to have a successful business, you need to invest hard work in your company to get the results that you want. Everything has a price.

Today we are going to talk about our future, and the kids are our future. Actually, the children are the future, not just in our families, but in our churches, in our cities, in our states, and in our countries. The kids are the future and you need to think about that. Probably today some of you are thinking, ‘Well, you know what? I am too old. I don't have little ones anymore and that's not for me. Thank you so much. Can we talk about something else?’ I understand that, but you know what? Sometimes we need to refresh those concepts, and especially for you, my friend, you, you as a young parent, you need to know about what the Bible tells us in regards of our children.

I'm going to share with you today basic principles that will give you the clear understanding about what to do with your children. The first thing we are going to read in the Scripture is in Deuteronomy 6:7. The Lord says, “Be sure to teach My commandments to your children. Talk about these commands when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road. Talk about them when you lie down and when you get up.” This is the Lord talking to us, adults, in regards of what we need to do related to our children.

Children, grandchildren, any child that is near you, that is what the Lord is expecting us to do. I want you to see the word “teach”, because that is a key word in this passage. It is not enough just to “say” certain things, don't think that, why? You need to “teach” the reasons, and “why” and “how” to do this.

We say things to the kids, but it's not enough to say it. We need to teach, teach, teach, and that is the first thing that I want you to have in mind. In order to have this great impact in the life of kids. We need to learn to communicate. How do we communicate? Well, obviously we can read and write, we can type. We can write a letter, we can type an email, we can type a text message. We can type a post on social media, we can type whatever, but mainly we communicate verbally, which is one of the things that is lacking today.

Have you noticed that? Have you noticed how less and less people are talking, and more and more they are just communicating through symbols and icons in these days? Now we don't say, “It is okay.” We stopped saying “it is okay”, and then we moved to only saying “okay”, and now when you text message, you just type the letter “k”. Communication like that in a text message is acceptable, sometimes. But when you are talking about kids, that's not enough. We need to speak clearer to our kids. If our children are listening to our

conversations and we do not speak clear, there is no way they will understand us. Do you see that? If you're not speaking clear, your children will not understand you. How difficult would it be for you as a student?

Imagine you are in college and you have a teacher that doesn't speak clear. You will be thinking... 'What? What are you saying? Sir, ma'am, can you please repeat that? I do not get it.'

In communication, not just when you're talking to your child, grandchild, or a student, you need to also have eye contact. If I am talking to somebody on my left side, but I have my head to my right side, how will the person on my left side know that I am talking to him?

When we communicate with our kids, use clear words, make eye contact, and then be specific. I was talking recently with someone who is a supervisor, and he was asking me how to handle certain things in his supervisory position. He said to me, "One of the issues that I find in this particular employee, is that he goes in circles during his talk, talks a lot of things, giving explanations and uses many words, and talks, and talks, and talks. But at the end, you don't get what this person is saying."

Be specific. When we are communicating with our kids, we need to be specific. Do not use too many words. Just go to the point with him/her. The next thing is to confirm that the kid is listening to you. Here is the classic problem: you call to your spouse...

— (ring, ring) "Hello daughter/son/nephew/niece." (whoever the kid is). "Hey, is your mom there? Is my wife there?"

— "No, she is not. She is in the back."

— "Okay. I want you to tell her that I am not going to be able to come on time for dinner."

What is the problem? The kid is not paying attention. You spoke clearly. You cannot have eye contact. You were specific, but you did not confirm. Well, you know what happens, right? The lady is fixing the dinner, let's say 6PM. She is ready for dinner and the husband is not there. So she calls him at 6:10pm

- “Where are you?”, says the wife.
- “I left a message. They didn't tell you anything? Who took the message?”

And on and on, you know the story. When you are dealing with children, you need to confirm that they are listening to you. The best way is just say, “Please repeat what I just said.”

Example:

- “Hey Angelica. I need you to tell my wife that I will not be able to come to dinner on time. I'll will not be home until 8PM, okay?Angelica?”
- “Yeah.”
- “Can you repeat my message, please?”

When you are talking to your children, you need to understand they are children. They are not adults. They are not people with great understanding. They are little ones. You have to receive a confirmation that they understood what you just said. When they confirm, sometimes they will ask you questions. You should resolve those questions to those kids. Whether you are a teacher, parent or grandparent, remember those principles that I am sharing with you.

Now, sometimes we forget that in our position as parents or grandparents, we are also providing some training for the kids. We should be training them, and then we have to supervise what they are doing.

The training that you are doing for your kids is for their lives, and for their future. That life includes several things. So many parents feel that their main point is to send their kids to school and that's it. They say “Yeah, I give them education. I send them to school.”

Many parents that say that are wrong. If you are thinking that sending your kids to school is your way of training them, you need to open your mind, my friend, to a new thing. Training requires much more effort than that, and you need to understand that their training has

to do with many aspects in the life of your children. In order to train your children, the first thing that you need to have is a connection with them.

I remember one day I heard such a funny sentence. This teenager girl was explaining to her high school friends about her relationship with her dad. She said, “You know, my dad is like, how can I say it? He's more like an uncle. Yeah, Uncle Dad.”

It shouldn't be that way. Her dad is not her uncle. However, in her eyes, he is like an uncle. He has the title of “dad”, but he's not acting like a dad, but more like an uncle. It's an “Uncle Dad”.

When you are thinking of training your kids or grandkids, the first thing that you need to have is a connection with them. If your kids don't feel that you are connected with them, it is not going to work. You can try to train them and teach them things, but as long as there is no connection, it's not going to work.

I remember one of my own personal experiences. I played several sports when I was growing up, and one was baseball. I was a catcher, shortstop, first base. I played several positions, and I was kind of good in sports. I remember that one day when I was playing baseball with one of my kids, I noticed he was unhappy. I saw him getting aggravated, very aggravated. So I dropped the baseball, went inside, grabbed a drink, and I said, “What's going on with you? What's the problem?” I felt the lack of connection.

Without that connection, the child is not going to receive anything from you. I asked him what the problem was, and then he explained to me his reasons. He was upset because of something. We cleared up things, made peace. I said, “So now that we are okay, let's go back and play.” Without the connection there is no way that we will be able to train anybody.

Train your kids because your kids should learn the basics of life. Hygiene, taking care of themselves, cleaning the bathroom, closet, clothes, backpack, homework, everything. You need to talk to your kids about manners.

When the kids show up to a place, the first thing that they should do is to greet everyone that is there. Having manners, basic education, saying ‘good morning’, ‘hello’, etc. When you leave the room, say ‘goodbye’ to the people there.

You go to a store, you want somebody in the store to take care of you. Using your manners, you say, "Excuse me, ma'am, I would like to ask you a question." You don't just jump in the midst of a conversation of this clerk with another customer, right? You need to have manners.

Training has to do with hygiene, manners. What else do you need to teach your kids? Civic values. Why is it important to celebrate Independence Day? Why is it important to honor parents on Mother's Day, Father's Day? Why is it important to celebrate Easter, Christmas? Why is it important to honor our country? All these values are part of the training. You need to train your kids about security. Why? They have to have a car seat or seat belt when they are in the car. Security when you leave the house. Always close the door. When you are in the store, you are always close to me. All these basic things that teach them about safety.

When you are playing in the front yard of the house, you do not just run and cross the street without stopping. Basic things. Training includes all these aspects. How to manage money. It is important that you talk to your kids about that. There are so many things that you need to teach your kids, but they will only work when you have a good connection with your them.

The next thing that you need to do is to explain the goals.

“My daughter/son/students, I want you to understand why we are doing this. Why we need to brush our teeth everyday, why we need to wash our hands before we eat, why we put the right shoes on to play the right sport, why we wear a particular outfit to do a particular task.” Why do you need to explain the goals? You will tell them, “This is the objective.” With this you will explain the rules. You have to explain the rules to them and show those rules by example.

Kids are going to always pay attention to you when you show them how to do it. I have a funny story about that. I remember my dad was not a sportsman and one day in the neighborhood we wanted to create a team. My dad was pretty popular in the neighborhood, so everybody said, “Mister Eduardo, would you like to be the coach for our soccer team?” My dad just turned to where the kids were and said, “Listen, I will pay for several things that you will need. I will be a sponsor of your team. But I don't know anything about how to be a couch or play, because I'm not into sports. Okay? I like sports, but that's all.” My dad was a journalist. He said, “No. My thing is with books.”

Showing by example, you have to know about that thing if you want your kids to learn something. You need to show them. My dad never said to me, “I want you to be a sports person.” However, he was the one who introduced me to books, and I remember the first book that I read. It was theater. “The Importance of Being Earnest”, by Oscar Wilde. That was the first book that I read, besides books at school.

By the way, I heard this joke. Somebody said once, “Book. What’s a book? — A book is a TV for smart people.” Very funny, I think!

So, you need to show by example, but imagine if my dad had said to me, “Okay son, I'll be your coach for your soccer team. I want you to kick the ball and run.”, but he's there with his suit and tie and his book? You know... there’s something not right in this picture, right? He taught me and showed me by example in the area that he knew. You, as a parent, if you are not able to teach your kids by example in a certain area, you need to bring somebody to show them. After that, you have to supervise.

How many kids know how to cook today? Well, the question is, how many parents cook today? Not many, and yet it’s very important. It's very important because sooner or later everyone will be by himself in a house.

Everyone needs food. What are you going to do about feeding yourself? Will you go to a restaurant all the time, or go through a drive-through...? No, that isn't going to work. Everyone needs to learn to cook. Kids need to learn to cook. How to fix eggs, how to put a waffle in the toaster if you like, or put something in the microwave. What are those things that they should and shouldn't do in the kitchen? Then you have to supervise. If you want your

kids to be successful, successful in life, you have to invest time with them. If you are the kind of parent that you are just passing all the responsibilities on to others and you expect that your child will have a great successful life, not necessarily will you see it, but one thing that you definitely will not earn from your children is respect.

Respect is the key. Respect is the glue that connects children and parents, children and grandparents, parents and grandparents.

Respect is the key. Where there is no respect, there is no good relationship. It is not going to work. In the workplace, you see that employees that do not show respect to the supervisor are going to get fired. Even if they are very much needed, they are going to get fired because they are not showing respect. Those workers that are not showing respect in the workplace were once kids that never learned how to respect. When they were little, they didn't respect anybody in the house. They will disrespect everyone everywhere. They will fail in life. That will not be a surprise.

They are saying today that we need to fight for prayer to be put back into schools. I said, "Yeah, you're right. But if you teach your children to pray, and they understand what it means to pray to the good Lord, asking for help, giving thanks to Him, if the kid learns to do that on his own, he doesn't need a law that says prayer is allowed in school. He/she can pray because it is a right that we have. It is one of our rights as an American citizen. It is the freedom of religion. The kid that learns to pray at home is going to pray in their school. The kid that learns to show respect in the house is going to show respect in the school, and vice versa. When you see kids that are disrespectful in the school, the reason is because they are not being taught to be respectful in their homes.

A child that is trained to show respect in the house is going to respect everybody in the school, is going to respect everybody in the church, is going to respect everybody in the workplace and vice versa. The person that is respectful in their community has been respectful at church, at school, and at home.

It's just a consequence, but it's so easy to blame others for all the problems. It's so easy. What we need to understand is that when we have little ones, it is our responsibility to

teach them and train them, and one of the basic things is to teach them to respect everybody and to respect the Lord.

I am going to share with you scriptures that are so important. Proverbs 22.6 - “Teach children in a way that fits their needs, and even when they are old, they will not leave the right path.”

I remember, in my case, what I was taught and told by my parents, grandparents, school teachers, and Sunday school teachers. I had wonderful Sunday school teachers. When I was a little one in school and in church, I was trained in a way that they made me understand things that would take me to the path of having the decent life that I now have. Honest lives are the result of training.

When you study the lives of individuals who are in jail, in prison for murdering, stealing or all kinds of bad things, drugs or whatever, you will find out that sadly it started in their home. Something was not done right, unfortunately. The funny part is that you will find so many individuals that have horrible childhoods, yet they decided to get it right and they didn't go down that wrong path. They said, “No. I'm going to do things right.” However, you also have people that were raised in church, in very beautiful Christian families, and they ended up horribly because, at the end, everyone will decide what to do with themselves. As parents, it is our responsibility to teach children in a way that fits their needs.

Proverbs 13.24 - “If you don't correct your children, you don't love them. If you love them, you will be quick to discipline them immediately.” Parents, parents with young kids, listen carefully, please. The moment when your child is misbehaving is the moment that you need to stop them and correct them, right there. You are not going to be violent. You don't have to be horrible and humiliate your kids. No. You don't have to do that, but you do need to stop them and be firm. You have to tell the child in the store, “ Hey, let's go to the bathroom. We are going to have a conversation. Let's go to the car. You and I, we are going to talk about it.” You take the child and you correct the child. You explain to him/her what they are doing wrong, and you have to do it right away.

Some parents say, “I don't feel like that.” Well, don't do it, but if you don't do it, it is because you don't love them. The scripture says when you do not correct your children, it is because you don't love them.

“Well...I'd rather to wait”, other parents say. You need to be quick to discipline. Then other parents say, “I'd rather wait to talk to my child until we are in the house.” No, it's not going to be the same. You are not going to be in the same mood. The child is not going to be in the same mood. The child will not even remember what he/she did. The moment that the “crime” happens, that is when you need to correct them, right there. Proverbs 3.12 - “The Lord corrects the one He loves, just as a father corrects the child he cares about.”

I personally have lived the experience of being corrected by the Lord and disciplined by the Lord, and I bless His Holy Name for His corrections and discipline. I said all the time to my Lord, “Lord, whatever You need to do in order for me to do Your will, please do it. I rather be corrected by you, Lord, so I will do what You want me to do, rather than You not correcting me and my going down the wrong path. No Lord, please correct me. Teach me Your ways.” I know that when He does that to me, it is because He loves me.

Colossians 3.21 - “Fathers, don't upset your children. If you are too hard to please, they might want to stop trying.” Sometimes there are parents that hear this kind of teaching and they say, “That's what I wanted to hear. What is that verse? Correction... I'm going to rewrite it and put it in the bathroom.” Some of those parents say, “Spank them because you love them.” Some of those parents are just excited about it. They like to be too hard and the scripture basically is telling us “wait a minute though, don't be too hard.”

Kids are going to be discouraged if all they hear from us is correction, correction, correction. No, you have to have a balance. The problem is that in our society today, there is no balance. Today they think all is wonderful...the kid went to school. We put a post on Facebook, “He went to school. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. He's amazing. He went to school, praise the Lord.” He made the bed, fireworks party because he made the bed. Really? No. It's his responsibility to make the bed.

But sometimes it's the opposite. Sometimes we, as parents, are too hard on them without giving them a compliment. We need to have a balance. We need to say what is good, but we also need to correct what is wrong.

Colossians 3.21 and Proverbs 28.9. These are key verses for everybody, not just parents. “When people do not listen to God's teachings, He does not listen to their prayers.” Why is that? Think about it. It makes total sense. The Lord is the One who can give you a new job, a raise in your salary, a miracle of healing or restoration in your family. He can give you a better home, a better everything, right? The vacation you want. The Lord is the One who can bless you. Correct? That's why we pray, “Oh Lord, please give me this. Please help me with that.” The Lord is the source. We know that. People love to ask for..., but the Lord says this, “I am okay with you asking Me for..., but if you're not going to listen to My teachings, praying is a waste of your time. I'm not listening. Here the Lord says, “Unless you read My Word”, “Unless you come to ask Me for forgiveness”, then you need to come back to listen to Him, to His Word.

You know that the good Lord is smart. He's smart. He's intelligent. Do you think that we can fool Him and just pretend? Thinking, ‘I am going to make the face of a student of the Word of God’, and I go there, open the Bible, or open the APP, and I write a couple of notes. I’m pretending... Five minutes of that. And then I close it and I say, “Well Lord, I want to ask you. I want this...” But the Lord says, “I know what you are doing.”

Think as a parent or grandparent. Think as a supervisor. You want your kids, grandkids, or employees to do certain things because it's their responsibility and you are trying to explain to them what it is that they need to do. But they don't want to listen, and yet they come and they say, “Mom, I'm hungry. Where's my food?”, “Grandmother, I want you to take me somewhere and buy me this and that.” The employee says, “Well, sir, it is the first of the month. Where's my check? I will work the whole month for you. Where is my check?” Do you see that? It is the entitlement mentality, and it is wrong.

The Lord clearly says, “If you are not going to listen to my teachings, I'm not going to listen to your prayers.” The Lord is willing to hear everybody that comes with a humble heart. A person with a humble heart acknowledges the authority of the Lord, and His word in his life, and will invest time listening to the God’s teachings. It is our responsibility to read and

learn God's Word. It is an honor, but also it is our responsibility. His grace comes to us to forgive us, and to give us again new chance, and He wants to do things right. We are forgiven, we are loved, but He wants us to learn that that is important, very important, to learn to be teachable by reading His Word.

Proverbs 27.11 - "My son, be wise. This will make Me happy. Then I will be able to answer those who criticize me." You, as a parent or grandparent, want to hear people telling you great things about your kids or grandkids, right? Do you want that? They will do it eventually when your kids do the right thing. That will make you happy. Your kid is doing the right thing. You say, "That makes me happy. They are wise."

Proverbs 29.3a - "A son who loves wisdom makes his father happy." What is wisdom? My definition of wisdom is: "The ability to make good decisions."

Proverbs 29.3b - "One who wasted his money on prostitutes will lose his wealth." A son who loves wisdom makes his father happy by making good decisions. But those who are using money just for their own pleasure in the flesh, it is just a waste of money, they will lose all that wealth.

You know that the Lord wants to bless us, definitely. He wants us to be prosperous. He wants us to have all kind of good things because He is a good Father. Yes, but He wants us to love wisdom, to make right decisions and to act in a fair way. That is the way that we make Him happy. The future of our children is based on accountability. I want you to picture this. Imagine you are building a house, and then you put the foundation of the house, and that foundation is named accountability.

Accountability, being accountable, and then teach to your children principles, moral values, what is right and what is wrong, especially you, my friend, if you are a young parent. If you have kids in elementary school, you have more chances to correct their path than those who have children in high school, or those who are in college already. It is like a tree. If you take the tree when it's little and you put a strong steel bar and attach the tree to the bar, the tree is going to grow straight. It is the same thing as with a kid. The kid has more possibilities to have a straight life (that's funny, right? Straight). The kid has more opportunities to have a straight life, a great life, when there is accountability. The tree says, "I want

to go there. It feels comfortable”, but if it is attached to the stick of accountability, it says, “No, that's not right. We are going to only do what’s right.” So you just stick with the Word of the Lord, and be accountable.

Moral values: If you have little ones, it is the time for you to invest time teaching them moral values, and it is the time to also invest in their education because their minds are like a white page. You have a great opportunity to teach them languages, to play instruments, to learn science, to learn many different things in this life that are so wonderful. Take advantage of everything that is available today online to learn. Your kid loves technology. Well, find ways for the child to learn something. Invest his time in learning.

The other thing that you need to teach your child about is the Lord, the good Lord God and the church. If you are listening, and listening and watching videos about the Lord, and reading books but you are not part of the church, you are missing a big thing in your life. You should come to church and get together. The scripture says that we need to get together and worship the Lord as a corporate body, and worship Him and do fellowship, and do life together as a church. (Hebrews 10.25)

When your kids are little, that is when they are going to learn that habit. But if you are a young parent, and you are not connected with the church, it is because you are not used to coming to church. The problem with that is that your kids are learning those ways, and nothing will be safer for your children than being in church because they will learn to be good citizens, good children. Most people that do not go to church are missing that part in life. You, as an responsible adult, should show by example to come to church.

Some people say, “Well, I don't feel like it. I don't like it.” They can find all these excuses, but the truth of the matter is if you need to get groceries, you will go to the grocery store and you don't have a problem investing those two hours there.

So why is it a problem for you to invest a couple of hours in church once a week? You can spend 6-8 hours in a doctor's appointment any day of the week, but you cannot invest two hours to come to church? Explain that to the Lord. You don't need to explain that to me or anyone else, explain that to the Lord.

Be honest with yourself. How can you be a good example if you are not fulfilling the first responsibility as a believer, getting together with other believers and worship the Lord? You need to go to church once a week at least because that's the way that your children are going to learn those ways.

Finally, you need to talk to your children about our country, and today we are celebrating Independence Day. You need to talk to your children about the importance of the freedom that we have, and how our President represents us internationally. You should be praying for our President. Like it or not, you better pray for him. You should pray for your authorities, senators, congressmen, people in the City Council, the House of Representatives, the Fire Department, the Police Department, the School District.

You should be praying for our leaders, for our authorities, and talk to your kids about our country, to respect our country, to honor our flag. Give honor to the flag. Give honor to the National Anthem. Give honor to this country of ours. It's a beautiful place to live and do a wonderful life together, and your children have to listen to that from you, as a parent. Don't send them to the school thinking that it is the teachers' responsibility to instruct your kids about it. Don't put it in front of the screen and say, "Listen to this preacher. He's talking to you." It is your responsibility to instruct your kids.

If you are not going to church, if you're not worshiping the Lord, are you sure that you are on your way to Heaven? You have a bigger responsibility with your children. It has to do entirely with the future of our Nation, the future of your family.

I want to close this message with this scripture. Psalm 73.1 - "God is so good to Israel, to those whose hearts are pure." Israel represents us believers. The nation of Israel in the Middle East, the country of Abraham, but also Israel represents us, all the believers, and it says, "The Lord God is so good to us, to those whose hearts are pure."

With purity in our hearts, and decency and honesty, sincerity with forgiveness, with a spirit of humility, we embrace the grace of our Lord and say, "Lord, I needed to hear this today. I need to change." If you need to change, and you want to receive Eternal Life in the Lord Jesus, say these words: "Lord, come into my heart. Please forgive me. I need to change.

Guide me and give me the strength, Lord, to do what I need to do what is right. In the name of Jesus. Amen.”

SCRIPTURES OF THIS MESSAGE:

Deuteronomy 6.7

Be sure to teach my commandments to your children. Talk about these commands when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road. Talk about them when you lie down and when you get up.

Proverbs 22.6

Teach children in a way that fits their needs, and even when they are old, they will not leave the right path.

Proverbs 13.24

If you don't correct your children, you don't love them. If you love them, you will be quick to discipline them.

Proverbs 3.12

The Lord corrects the one He loves, just as a father corrects a child he cares about.

Colossians 3.21

Fathers, don't upset your children. If you are too hard to please, they might want to stop trying.

Proverbs 28.9

When people do not listen to God's teachings, He does not listen to their prayers.

Proverbs 27.11, 29.3

"My son, be wise. This will make me happy. Then I will be able to answer those who criticize me." - "A son who loves wisdom makes his father happy. One who wastes his money on prostitutes will lose his wealth."

Psalms 73.1

God is so good to Israel, to those whose hearts are pure.