

Moses' Parental Instructions In Deuteronomy 11

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Introduction:

Normally when we think of Moses' instructions to parents we think of *Deut. 6.4-9*. However, *Deuteronomy 11* gives a lot of practical advice for parents as well. Deut- two singers. Dual tires mean there are two tires. Deuteronomy is the second telling of the Law.

I) Parents Know What Your Children Do Not Know, v. 1-7

A) Israel was a young nation with a lot of young people.

1. Rebellion at Kadesh Barnea in *Deuteronomy 1* caused Israel to wander in the wilderness for 40 years.
2. Everyone twenty years and older would die in the wilderness, *Numbers 14.29, 34-35*.
3. Therefore, those present in *Deuteronomy 11* were 60 years old or younger.
 - a. Those twenty at Kadesh Barnea were 60 years old.
 - b. Those younger than 20 at Kadesh Barnea would be somewhere between 40 to 60 yrs. old.
 - c. The rest, 40 and under, would have been born in the wilderness.
4. The younger generation did not know slavery in Egypt, the plagues, parting of the Red Sea.
5. They grew up eating manna and wandering in the wilderness.
6. Thus the need for instruction.

B) As parents we might assume some things about our children.

1. We might be good at teaching the first child, then teach the second to a less degree, and then grow tired of the teaching and not teach the next one.
Judges 2.10
2. Look at the trends in church history, what was taught and what was neglected.
 - a. Restoration period - cast off creedbooks, one church, means of entrance into that church. Lots of baptisms but they neglected to teach the worship of the church and its organization.
 - b. The next generation created missionary societies and instrumental music.
 - c. The following generation learned more about the worship and organization of the church but left the door open for Premillennialism.
 - d. Then subsequent generation was taught a lot about the nature of the Kingdom and its establishment.
 - e. Then came along the social gospel, sponsoring churches, orphan home issue, colleges in the budget. There was a split on those issues. So every preacher taught about the organization of the church, who the church can help, etc.
 - f. But there was not a lot of teaching on the home. So many homes had problems and children were lost to the world.

- g. Then in the 1980's and 1990's a lot of teaching on the home but not a lot about other issues.
3. My point is every generation needs to be taught the whole counsel of God.

II) Changes In Environment Requires We Change, v. 8-12

A) Not all change is bad (keep in mind I am not talking about changing the word of God and neither was Moses).

1. In Egypt they were slaves, the means of farming was irrigation. Even today most of the people on Egypt live close to the Nile River.
2. Now they would receive rain, v. 11-12
3. This was tied in with the blessings of being faithful to God.

B) Today change can be good.

1. Some churches used to reject "black boards" because they were new. Then came along overhead projectors, now LCD projectors and power point.
2. Bulletins used to be typed and then run off on a mimeograph machine. Now we have word processors and better-quality copiers.
3. Used to be a lot of teaching was house to house now a lot more is being done on web pages and other internet devices.
4. Used to be a lot of young people did not get an education and now just about everybody does. Our young people have a lot advantages because of some of the

**III) Young People Need To Be Taught and Others Reminded
Departing From God's Word Will Bring About Bad Things, *v. 16-27***

A) We know what happened to Israel (we have that advantage)

1. They did not drive out the other nations.
2. They inter-married with the people of the land.
3. Started worshipping their gods.
4. Human sacrifices, immoral behavior, oppressed the poor, took bribes, etc.
5. Finally, they were exiled by God.

B) Young people need to be taught God's word will bring about blessings and departing from it will bring about suffering.

1. Keep God's word in your home. Be the husband/wife described in *Ephesians 5*.
 - a. Train young children in God's word, *Ephesians 6.4*.
 - b. Children honor your parents, not because they are perfect but because God says so, *Ephesians 6.3*.
2. Worship God in the way prescribed in the Bible. Don't add to or take away from God's word, *Revelation 22.18-19*.
3. Obey the Gospel and do not go back into the world.

Conclusion:

Listen to Moses' advice in *Deuteronomy 11* and make application today.