

# **Being Parents In An Ungodly World (Demands That We Be Teachers)**

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## **Introduction:**

The following was sent to me so I am not sure when the information was gathered but I do not doubt the accuracy of the information. "Two studies conducted by both the Barna Group and USA Today found that nearly 75 percent of Christian young people fall away from the faith and leave the church after high school. One of the key reasons they do so is intellectual skepticism. But how many of these youth were actually taught the Bible in their homes or in church? Two studies conducted by both the Barna Group and USA Today found that nearly 75 percent of Christian young people fall away from the faith and leave the church after high school. One of the key reasons they do so is intellectual skepticism. But how many of these youth were actually taught the Bible in their homes or in church? Statistics show that children today spend an average of 30 hours per week in school where they are often taught ideas that are diametrically opposed to biblical truths, e.g., evolution, the acceptance of homosexuality, etc. Then they come home to another 30 hours per week spent in front of a television set bombarded by commercials and sitcoms, playing video games, or connecting on social media. This is in contrast to the time spent weekly in the church classroom: 45 minutes. Given the amount of exposure to worldly influences versus Bible training, it's understandable why young people leave the home without a Christian worldview and why many are falling away from the faith. Not only are most youth not being well-grounded in the faith, but they're also not being taught to intelligently examine the views of skeptics who will inevitably challenge their faith. Most of these students are not prepared to enter the college classroom where

more than half of all college professors view Christians with hostility and take every opportunity to belittle them and their faith.

A key factor in keeping young people from falling away from their faith is the influence of their parents. It's as the Proverb says, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (*Proverbs 22:6*). One particular study found that when both parents were faithful and active in the church, 93 percent of their children remained faithful. When just one parent was faithful, 73 percent of their children remained faithful. When neither parent was particularly active in church, only 53 percent of their children stayed faithful. In those instances where neither parent was active at all and only attended church now and then, the percentage dropped to a mere 6 percent.

There is lot of information in the studies cited but I want to point out that parenting is a teaching relationship with our children. As parents we need to make sure we are teaching the truth and teaching what is needed when it is needed. But also, to teach it in such a way so as to impress them. So, here are some questions we need to be asking ourselves.

**I) What Are We Teaching Our Children About God?**

**A) Obviously it is important they understand God exist.**  
***Genesis 1.1.***

1. But people can know He exist but still have a convoluted concept of God. *Acts 17.24-32*
2. Those at Mars Hill believed in some sort of god but not in the true God.
3. Limited God, made in their personal image.

**B) To understand who God is we must understand...**

1. He has always existed and always will exist. *John 1.1.*
  - a. There was never a time before God and proof of His existence is the universe. *Rev. 1.8*
2. He is all powerful- why is that important? Because we all face problems too big for ourselves.
  - a. Those who know God, know He can help them in time of need. *Job. 42.2.*
3. You can't hide from God because He is everywhere. *Psalms 139.1-6.*
  - a. Again this is important because some may try to hide things from Him.
  - b. Others may think God doesn't know or care about them.
4. His severity and His goodness. *Romans 11.22.*
  - a. Important to understand God loves us but He will also punish us.

**II) What Are We Teaching Our Children about Jesus as The Son of God?**

**A) His miraculous birth, *Isaiah 7.14***

1. A sign give so that even the most unbelieving will believe. *Isaiah 7.10-13.*

**B) His divine mission, *Matthew 1.21; Luke 19.10*  
Important for them to understand that their salvation is in Jesus Christ.**

- C) His sacrifice for our sins, ***Romans 3.23-26***. If are in sin we are outside of Christ, in means we are separated from our sins.
- D) Important for them to understand who Jesus is and why He came.

### III) What Are We Teaching About the Scriptures?

- A) **As cited earlier, many do not know the scriptures.**
  - 1. Reason is simple enough; they do not spend time with their Bibles.
  - 2. They are bombarded with other information and much of it contradicts the Bible.
- B) **The Bible is inspired, *2 Timothy 3.16-17*.**
  - 1. No matter who penned the Books, the author was God. *John 16.13*.
  - 2. If we, they, want to know what God thinks, read the Bible. *Ephesians 3.3ff*
- C) **The Bible is all sufficient, *2 Peter 1.3*.**
  - 1. It is the complete Word of God.
  - 2. A lot of folks will express their belief in the Bible but then add to or take away from it. Why?
    - a. Either they don't like what the Bible teaches or they don't understand what Bible is.
- D) **The Bible is understandable, *Ephesians 5.17***
  - 1. Any writer is trying to convey their ideas to the reader.

2. It is a poor author who fails to give understanding to the reader.

**IV) What Are We Teaching Our Children About the Purpose of Life?**

**A) Priorities are based on what we think is important.**

1. Wrong aims and goals leads to wrong priorities.
2. Wrong priorities leads to wrong choices in life.

**B) A common list of priorities is given in *Ecclesiastes 2.3-10*.**

1. Many will live their lives trying to accomplish these goals.
2. Solomon did accomplish these things but concluded, *Ecc. 2.11*.

**C) There is something more important than things**

1. It is your soul, *Luke 14.15ff*.
2. Solomon says to think about God while you are young, *Ecc. 12.1ff, 13-14*.
  - a. Before the difficult days come, obstacles of health.
  - b. Because life is brief and then comes the judgement, *Hebrews 9.27*.
3. The living know they will die and the dead know nothing, *Ecc. 9.5*.