

Five Reasons Why Your Children Should Attend Bible Class

1) It will help them educationally. Children who attend our Bible class will have a better chance to learn how to read and to communicate their feelings. Not only will their reading and verbal skills be improved, but they will also be better equipped for more advanced learning experiences.

2) It will help them socially. Children must learn how to get along with others in an acceptable way. Our teachers are well-trained and experienced in helping to teach your children how to get along with people. In Bible class, your children are exposed to children from many different walks of life. That in itself is a valuable experience.

3) It will help them psychologically. It is not at all uncommon today to read about suicides, nervous breakdowns, anxiety attacks, etc. People are not born with the ability to cope with life's problems. They must be taught how to cope. Bible school is a great help in this area.

4) It will help them be better citizens. It is not hard to see that there is a breakdown in respect in this country. Old-time values like honesty and purity are rapidly becoming relics of the past. If this nation is to survive, if your children are to become decent, law-abiding citizens, they must be taught these virtues. Our Bible classes want to do everything possible to help your children learn these virtues.

5) It will help your children spiritually. This is the most important asset of all. What does a person gain if he has all of the aforementioned values but loses his soul in hell? Our Bible study is un-denominational. It teaches your children the Bible and the Bible only. We have no book but the Bible and no creed but Christ when it comes to teaching your children. (Terry Bell)

Give Me the Truth

If you are my friend, if you are concerned for my soul, give me the truth. Do not flatter me. Do not praise my virtues while remaining silent about my vices. Do not fear the truth will offend me. Do not treasure our friendly relations above my salvation. Do not think that by ignoring my sins, you can help me. Do not think that being blind to my sins will prove you charitable. However I may react to it, whatever may be my attitude toward you after you have done it, GIVE ME THE TRUTH!

For the truth, and only the truth, can make me free from the shackles of sin, strengthen me in the pathway of righteousness, and lead me to the joys of heaven. If I am wavering, weak, lukewarm, indifferent, neglectful; if I have been overtaken in a trespass; if I have been drawn into the pleasures of the world; if I have left my first love; if I have been led astray by error, or, if I have done none of these things, but simply need to grow in knowledge and to be edified, GIVE ME THE TRUTH!

Jacob had the right attitude toward truth. We do not deserve to be told the truth; therefore, it becomes a treasured grace to those who receive it. "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant" (Gen. 32:10).

Truth must become part of the definition of who we are. "Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man" (Prov. 3:3-4).

Israel began with not wanting to hear the truth about themselves (Isa. 30:9-13); and so, God allowed them the consequences of choosing sin. "Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice" (Isa. 59:14-15).

First on God's list for restoring Judah from captivity and oppression was love and respect for truth. It must be the same for God's people today. "These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace" (Zech. 8:16). Give all of us the truth! (Bill Crews)

Five Ways to Walk Straight:

- 1) Remember balance. You can't walk straight when you're leaning too far one way or the other.
- 2) Look straight out. Too much concern for how you look may cause an accident up the way.
- 3) Know where you're going. You can't get to heaven if you don't plan to go.
- 4) Be aware of obstacles. Remember every road has its pot-holes.

5) Remember the road's always under repair. So watch out for the warning signs. (Dee Bowman)

Idleness

By God's design, no one can live a life of idleness and expect to live long and be happy. A ship anchored in the harbor rots faster than a ship crossing the ocean. A still pond of water stagnates faster than a running stream. Our unused minds are subject to atrophy much more rapidly than those in use. The unused cells in our brains deteriorate much faster than those which are continually exercised. Hence, in order to remain young, we must remain active.

Who Is?

Who is wise?

He that learns something from everyone.

Who is powerful?

He that governs his passions.

Who is rich?

He that is content.

A Moments Wisdom

--The trouble with self-made men is that they often quit the job before it's finished.

--Nostalgia is like a grammar lesson: you find the present tense, but the past perfect.

--People, whether they realize it or not, are often motivated by two reasons: the one they tell you about, and the real reason.

--Faithful Christians never meet for the last time.

--He **MUST** be pure who blames another.

--If you are beginning to experience some bad bumps on the road of life, be glad; at least you are out of the rut.

--God created man and woman to complement each other, not to compete with each other.

--When it is hardest to pray, we should pray the hardest.

--You cannot build a reputation on what you are going to do.

--No one is rich enough to do without neighbors.

--A pessimist sees a glass with water as half empty; an optimist sees it as half full; but, a giving person sees water in a glass and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.

--A love that will not bear all, care all, and share all, is not love at all.

--Service is love made visible.

--Life is ten percent of what happens to you and ninety percent of how you respond to it.

--A single sunbeam can chase away a host of shadows.

--Sin denied is twice committed.

--People who want milk should not seat themselves on a stool and hope the cow backs up to them.

--Lottery: a tax on people who are bad at math.

--Some brethren are so narrow-minded that they can see through a keyhole with both eyes.

--He who aims at nothing is certain to hit it.

--Kindness always pays, and it pays best when it is not done for pay.

--Happiness comes to us when we stop whining about the things we do not have, and begin offering thanks for the things we do have.

--Have you ever noticed that people who claim that everything is pre-determined and that they can do nothing to change it, still look both ways before crossing the street?

--Friendship is a plant we must water often.

--Sometimes the pinnacle of fame and the height of folly are twin peaks.

--It is not by driving away our brother that we can be alone with God. (George Macdonald, 1865)

--As there is no other avenue into the world of glory except through death, so there is no entrance into eternal life except through the narrow pass of judgment. (Emil Brunner, Eternal Hope, 1954)