

# ATTENTION – All Christian Parents!

Doing **YOUR PART** to *spiritually train your children* includes:

- ✓ **MORE** than → *having your child baptized!*
- ✓ **MORE** than → *saying mealtime and bedtime prayers!*
- ✓ **MORE** than → *faithful Sunday school attendance!*
- ✓ **MORE** than → *the completion of confirmation!*

**Studies have shown:**

- Approximately 90% of today's Christian youth will fall away from Jesus Christ by the time they turn 25 years old!
- The ones who have the best chance of continuing in Jesus Christ are in families who faithfully attend Worship and Bible Class each week and spend time in their Bibles each day!

**Very important words of instruction for parents from Deuteronomy chapter 6 (NIV):**

**<sup>6</sup> These commandments [words of instruction] that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.**

- **What does that mean for parents?** The Word of God must be ♦well known, ♦thoroughly understood, and ♦diligently practiced by parents so that they are equipped to successfully follow the next verse!

**<sup>7</sup> Impress them [these commandments, God's Word of instruction – both about our sin and God's work to save us through Jesus] on your children.**

- **What does that mean?** God has told us exactly **how**, **when**, and **where** to impress His commandments / Holy Word upon our children:
  - **Talk about them:**
    - **when you sit at home** – *turn off the TV!*
    - **when you walk along the road** – *turn off the radio, CD, DVD!*
    - **when you lie down** – *do something significant at bedtime with the Bible!*

- **when you get up** – *take time to begin your family's day with God's Word!*
- **<sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands** – *wear and explain Christian symbols!*
- **bind them on your foreheads** – *wear and explain Christian symbols!*
- **<sup>9</sup> Write them:**
  - **on the doorframes of your houses** – *places you normally pass through!*
  - **on your gates** – *places where everyone will be reminded every day!*

**Our enemies are powerful; therefore, we – us and our children – need the full armor of God:**

**NAU Ephesians 6:11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**God will richly bless us through His Word:**

**NAU Psalm 1:1** How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

**NAU Joshua 1:8** This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

**NAU Acts 20:32** And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.