

Heaven Bound for Families

As soon as they are born, we are constantly doing so many important things for our children. The question is: are we doing what is most important? Are we doing our best to help them go to heaven?

Here are four specific things that we must do if we are going to help our children be “heaven bound.”

I. Teach them.

- A. We need to instruct them in the word of God.
 - 1. This is what Moses told the Israelite parents to do (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).
 - 2. They would have to do this if they were going to avoid the mistakes of those who died in the wilderness.
- B. God gives us the same charge today (Ephesians 6:4).
 - 1. In the home is where most of the teaching of God’s word is to be done.
 - 2. The things our children receive at church are to be a small supplement at best!

II. Be an example to them.

- A. We need to show our children what authentic discipleship looks like.
 - 1. We can’t expect to teach our children to love God if they don’t see us love God first (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).
 - 2. We have to shine our lights before them all the time (Matthew 5:16).
- B. Timothy was able to develop a “sincere faith” because he first saw it in his mother (2 Timothy 1:5). Do our children see the same thing in us?
 - 1. Do they see us reading our Bibles and praying?
 - 2. Do they see us seeking the lost and promoting holiness?
 - 3. Or, do they see us being hypocrites?

III. Involve them.

- A. We need to involve them in the work that we are doing for God right now!
 - 1. Throughout the Bible we find numerous examples of families serving God together (Nehemiah 3:12; 8:2-3; Acts 21:7-10).
 - 2. There is no better time we could spend with our children.
- B. How do we do this?
 - 1. Worshipping with them.
 - 2. Seeking the lost with them.
 - 3. Visiting the sick and elderly with them.

IV. Never give up on them.

- A. Even if we do all the right things, that won’t guarantee that our children will always faithfully serve God.
 - 1. Ultimately, this is a choice that they will have to make themselves (Joshua 24:15).
 - 2. We can’t force them to serve God.
- B. But even if they may depart one day, we must never give up on them. As long they are alive, we must do our best to influence them to come to the God who loves them.

Conclusion: With the help of our God, we can raise faithful children who will serve the Lord all the days of their lives!