

“Our Greatest Responsibility”

Psalm 78

1. It was Israel’s duty to pass on the lessons they had learned to their children. **vs. 3-4, Exodus 13, Deuteronomy 6**
2. It is the parents’ joyful calling and responsibility to pass down the faith to their children.
3. Pastors and church teachers are not meant to be a substitute for parents.

*“Ministers and Sunday School teachers were never meant to be a substitute for mother’s tears and father’s prayers.”
Charles Spurgeon*

4. The future of our church depends more on the quality of our parenting than it does on our kids programs.
 - a. Be a role model.
 - b. Teach them to love the Scriptures.
 - c. Teach them the Scriptures.
 - d. Pray for them.
 - e. Share your testimony with your kids. Make sure they know how Jesus radically changed your life.
 - f. Bring them with you when you serve the Lord.
 - g. Connect them with the persecuted church and with the world’s missionary force.

5. We are commanded to continually nourish our children spiritually. **Ephesians 6:4**
6. We teach our children about God so that our great-grandchildren and beyond will trust and obey the Lord. **vs. 5-8**
7. We must dedicate our lives to doing all we can to help our great-grandchildren love the Lord. **Psalm 78**

Today’s cross reference
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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