

Are We Giving Our Children The Leftovers?

By Mike Riley

There's a definite connection between the epidemic of violence we've seen among children in recent years and the lack of conscientious parents. Many children are left home alone with unsupervised television after school, on holidays, and during summer months. From this "electronic babysitter," they get an education in such negative traits as disrespect for adults, disregard for the property of others, filthy language, sexually immoral behavior, dishonesty and deceit, self-centeredness, materialism, and the "might makes right" philosophy.

Jesus once asked these questions: ***"If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?"*** (Luke 11:11-12). After we have given our best to others all day, and then give our children the "leftovers" of our time and energy, are we not giving them a stone, a serpent, or a scorpion?

As concerned parents, we should watch even educational programs with our children and afterward point out errors, taking advantage of opportunities to teach them the truth. A parent may then exercise proper judgment as to what programs should be "off limits." A mother and father know their children and their needs in ways that no hired caregiver could possibly know them. They are there when they need them — and not "by appointment only."

Our most prized physical treasures should be our children and grandchildren, and we should want them to go to Heaven more than anything else. Because of the great moral decay in our country that we are seeing on a daily basis, there is no greater need than to properly train our children in God's Word. In fact, God has given us explicit instructions in His Word on "how" to do just that (Deut 4:9-10; Deut 6:7; Deut 6:11-19; Eph 6:4). We can plainly see the results of proper religious training (cf. Gen 18:19; Deut 6:2; Deut 7:9; Psalm 33:12; Eph 6:3). To do otherwise will bring death and destruction upon our nation, our children, and all future generations (Deut 7:10; Isa 59:18; 1 Sam 2:27-34; Prov 14:34; Isa 1:1-9; Jer 7:21-34).

Conclusion:

Brethren, let's unselfishly devote the proper allocation of our time in the training of our children, realizing the moral impact it will have upon the future of our great nation (Psalm 78:1-8).



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Elders:

Todd Chapman
Paul Simpson

Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Preacher:

Don Delukie

Those to Serve Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson

Opening prayer- Travis Rogers **Closing Prayer-** Charles Fricke

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Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series: November 6th** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

—**Louisiana Tech Campus Ministry** : Students from the Ruston Church of Christ Campus Ministry Program will be conducting our morning services on November 13th.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our kids classes are collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection baskets are by the nursery. The list of needed items is in the foyer.



Please Pray For:

James Johnson, Gracie Aaron, Larry Randolph, Willie White, Joe Phillips, Jasper Snell, Regina Culpepper, Ronnie White, Sharon White-Ross, Arthur Binford, Linda Garris, Billy & Jeremy Granger, Nan Talley, Benny Freeman.

Bereaved: Families of Katie McClinton, Billy T. Smith, Brenda Thomas.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Bobby Simmons, GW Harris, Max Aubel. Roosevelt Rogers, Cindy Eaton, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Virginia Royal, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr.

SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY ARE BEFORE HIM

STRENGTH AND JOY

ARE HIS DWELLING PLACE.

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October birthdays

2 - Rick Van Loon
7 - Joyce McDonald
11 - Luke Chapman
12 - Barbara Wheeler
14 - Kathy Manning
16 - Rex Albright
22 - Wyatt Chapman
24 - Jean Delukie
25 - Lorene Johnson
27 - Charles Fricke
31 - Bobby Barker

October anniversaries

17 - Todd and Nelia Chapman

November birthdays

3 - Elaine Reppond
5 - Glenda Wells
6 - Sandra Nappier
8 - Brad Smith
10 - Bo Dalrymple
11 - Carlton Silmon
11 - Tommy Wells
13 - Susie McGough
20 - Dana Fowler
25 - Dan Ross Jr.
26 - Brock Dalrymple
28 - Dena White
30 - Ayden Richardson

November anniversaries

3 - Ronnie and Dena White
17 - Buddy and Carlton Hollis
18 - Randy and Kathy Manning
21 - Travis and Rhonda Rogers
26 - Dwain and Bettye Flowers