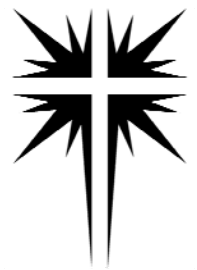


# SESSION 1 – “Pure Hearts”



## I. INTRODUCTION: TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS...(PS. 90:12)

A. GUARDING our hearts from familiarity that breeds contempt, numbing our spiritual senses...

1. Prov. 4:23...\_\_\_\_\_ regarding the real issues of life
2. Ps. 39:4...doing what's right rather than what's easy, measuring our days
  - a. Complacency is the deadly foe of all fruitful living for Jesus...no disciplines of diligence (Lk. 12:48)...therefore undisciplined children...
  - b. Satan's \_\_\_\_\_ weapon...taking God for granted (as he did!)...as his diabolical distractions take what is MOST precious to us, and makes it appear to be common (Gal. 6:7)...
    - i. Starting with taking His \_\_\_\_\_ for granted...(Heb. 2:1)
    - ii. Then prayer...as the cross has no drawing power...
    - iii. Then \_\_\_\_\_...as worship becomes ritualistic, dull...
    - iv. Then spouse...as communication dies more daily...
    - v. Then children...as all of life becomes blurry...Satan can't take our children, we just become too preoccupied to notice their real needs daily...
    - vi. Thus, when our relationship with God falters, all other relationships will falter-guaranteed!
    - vii. Satan can't steal our \_\_\_\_\_, he just makes us forget to remember what it was like when we were lost

B. GUARDING our children...

## II. INSTRUCTION: KEY VERSES OF APPLICATION AND REFLECTION (COLOSSIANS 2:8)

A. Proverbs 22:6...this IS NOT a promise, but a general statement of practical truth

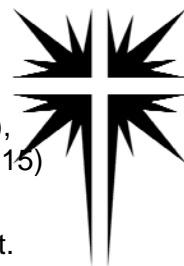
1. Train up a child
  - a. Learning \_\_\_\_\_ based on spiritual feeding patterns (1 Pet. 1:23)
  - b. Light dispels darkness (sin) (Psalm 18:28)
  - c. Midwife ...to touch the palate, olive oil – honey – crushed dates
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_, no one else, are responsible to create appetite (Jer. 15:16)
2. A child
  - a. While the clay is soft...tasted (I Peter 2:2)?
  - b. Discipline is key (Hebrews 12:6)...proof of \_\_\_\_\_ (OK to sin?!)

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3. In THE way
    - a. Absolute truth develops moral character and common sense (2 Timothy 3:15)
    - b. Jn. 14:6; Ps. 119:25-32...God enlarges hearts of teachable people
  4. He should go
    - a. Each child has a “bent”...compliant...strong-willed?
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_ nature (Proverbs 22:15a; Jeremiah 17:9)
  5. When he is old
    - a. An elder in the Hebrew culture (40 yrs. old)...the BEGINNING of wisdom years
    - b. Long process...\_\_\_\_\_! (parenting doesn't EVER stop!)
  6. Not depart from it (James 1:21)
    - a. Godly parents using godly training techniques should see results...
    - b. This is not a \_\_\_\_\_ a wayward teen will return to his “roots”
    - c. Incorruptible seeds should bear incorruptible fruits (prodigal)
- B. Ephesians 6:1-2a
1. Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right (righteous)
    - a. God expects \_\_\_\_\_ obedience...ears to hear...(gospel of Mark – “immediately”!)
    - b. Attitudes precede actions...respect for God-given authority is KEY!...
  2. Honor!!!
    - a. Means give weight to what they say
    - b. Listen closely, out of deep \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. Parents are the “heavy”...God ordained influence to prepare the day kids submit to God; father is foreshadowing of...
- C. Matthew 15:4
1. Curseth
    - a. Esteem lightly
    - b. Not listen to
    - c. Death to the child...OT! (theocracy – God King!)
  2. Humble, holy hearts \_\_\_\_\_ to the right voices (Matthew 15:9-10)
- D. Deuteronomy 6:4-9
1. Hearts full of love come from hearts full of prayer (Jeremiah 29:11-13)
  2. Diligently disciplined parents raise godly children (Hebrews 11:6)... rewards! (enjoy your children?)

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3. Our homes must be Christ-centered, not just \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 24:15), totally dependent on Him (Acts 17:27-28), without Him we do nothing (John 15) and are nothing
  - a. His Word must be the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives and conversations (Matt. 12:34)
  - b. Carpe diem...always be ready to teach our kids about the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23)
    - i. Public schools!
    - ii. Cf. 1 Pet. 3:15
  - c. Homework...look up and discuss as a couple...family
    - i. Proverbs 10:1; 17:21, 25; 23:24; 29:15, 17; 31:28
    - ii. Write some measurable goals based on these verses
    - iii. Plan and write a practical strategy for mutual accountability as a couple to become more godly parents, grandparents



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