

## Investing in your Future

### Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go,  
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

### Psalms 119:9-11

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By keeping *it* according to Your word.

<sup>10</sup> With all my heart I have sought You;

Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

<sup>11</sup> Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

### Deuteronomy 6:1--7

.....These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.  
Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

- I. Vocational and educational training of children should come second to \_\_\_\_\_ training! Education is great! Every parent wants their children to earn straight A's, excel in a lucrative career, and "be somebody" when they grow up. However, education and or wealth will not save their soul. Let's be honest and compare the time, money and effort we spend helping our children pursue secular goals to the time we spend equipping them to become a godly disciple of Jesus.
- II. The window is \_\_\_\_\_! The window of opportunity to teach godly values and Bible truths to a child while their heart is young and tender is very short. It is much more effective to attempt to teach a young child godly values than an adolescent or a rebellious teen.
- III. Yes other people's children are your \_\_\_\_\_! This does not mean you are to be a busy body telling others how to raise their children. It also does not mean that parents are to abdicate their responsibility as parents and let others i.e. "the schools", "church", "child care exports" train up your child. It does mean that we are to help each other raise up the next generation of Christian leaders. We are always just one generation away from losing our Christian heritage. Even if your children are raised and gone or if you never had children, you still have the responsibility and privilege to help train young people to become powerful followers of God.
- IV. Our community is desperately in need of someone to help them \_\_\_\_\_ their children. If we can show our community that we have the answer on how to raise healthy well adjusted children then many times we can win the whole family over to Jesus Christ. If we do not help them then someone else will "help them" follow the teachings of this world. It may sound blunt and judgmental, but they will be taught the values of a godless world that ultimately follows Satan. Ultimately you are investing in your own future!

**Answers: spiritual, small, responsibility, train**