

Five Scriptural Concepts To Teach Our Children from James Dobson

Concept I: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart" Mark 12:30

Is your child learning of the love of God through the love, tenderness, and mercy of the parents?

Is your child learning to talk about the Lord, and to include Him in daily thoughts and plans?

Is your child learning to turn to Jesus for help whenever frightened or anxious or lonely?

Is your child learning to read the Bible?

Is your child learning to pray?

Is your child learning the meaning of faith and trust?

Is your child learning the joy of the Christian way of life?

Is your child learning the beauty of Jesus' birth and death?

Concept II: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" Mark 12:31

Is your child learning to understand and empathize with the feelings of others?

Is your child learning not to be selfish and demanding?

Is your child learning to share?

Is your child learning not to gossip and criticize others?

Is your child learning to accept himself?

Concept III: "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God" Psalm 143:10

Is your child learning to obey his parents as preparation for later obedience to God?

Is your child learning to behave properly in church-God's house?

Is your child learning a healthy appreciation for both aspects of God's nature: love and justice?

Is your child learning that there are many forms of benevolent authority outside himself to which she must submit?

Is your child learning the meaning of sin and its inevitable consequences?

Concept IV: "Fear God, and keep His commandments:for this is the whole duty of man" Ecclesiastes 12:13

Is your child learning to be truthful and honest?

Is your child learning to keep the Sabbath day holy?

Is your child learning the relative insignificance of materialism?

Is your child learning the meaning of the Christian family, and the faithfulness to it which God intends?

Is your child learning to follow the dictates of his own conscience?

Concept V: "But the fruit of the Spirit is...self-control" Galatians 5:22-23

Is your child learning to give a portion of her allowance (and other money) to God?

Is your child learning to control his impulses?

Is your child learning to work and carry responsibility?

Is your child learning the vast difference between self-worth and egotistical pride?

Is your child learning to bow in reverence before the God of the universe?