



Raising Godly Children in a Secular World



Spirit VS Flesh

This is Eternally Serious!

Romans 8:5-8 – “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”



**Spirituality Begins With
Learning to Love God**

The Greatest Commandment?

Mark 12:29-30 – “Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments *is*: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.
³⁰ ‘And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...”

One Lord...with *complete* devotion!



**How is love for God
communicated to our
children?**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! ⁵ “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶ “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Love for God

- Must be diligently taught – 6:7
- As parents it must first be in your *heart* – 6:6, 8
- Love expresses itself and grows through...
 - Communication...in prayer – Phil. 4:6-7
 - Spending time together...in reading and meditation – Psa. 119:103-105

Love for God

Must Be Seen in the Parents!

- Need to see your devotion to *prayer*
- Need to see your *excitement* over God's word
- Need to see your *love* for God because He has loved you by...
 - The gift of His saving grace – Eph. 2:8
 - His faithfulness – Heb. 13:5-6
 - Answering prayers – 1 Jn. 5:14-15
 - Giving you a solid hope of heaven – 1 Pet. 1:3-5



**Spirituality is the result of
an unbending rule**



The Rule

- Mark 12:29 – “Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.”
- Matthew 6:24 – “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

One Lord...with *undivided* allegiance!



The Rule:

Impressed Inwardly & Outwardly

- A matter of *heart* and *action*
- Enforced without excuse or embarrassment – Mark 8:38
- Must not succumb to the world's pressure to fill our children's lives with secular activities.
- You must determine *now* to be committed to this rule both inside and out.
- This is the battle – 2 Cor. 10:3-5; 1 Cor. 10:13