

frustrated. Through my wife's encouragement, I apologised to him for my behaviour and told him I would learn to treat him with more respect. In the months that followed, I noticed that my son's attitude toward his sister also improved.

Children do not learn to love and obey God only by what we say. They also learn by watching what we do. We are to teach them constantly about God and His Word as we "sit in [our] house, when [we] walk by the way, when [we] lie down, and when [we] rise up" (Deuteronomy 6:7). Along with what we say to our children, we need to set an example by our love and obedience to the Lord.

We can't be perfect parents, but our children must see our desire to please the Lord. And when we fall short, they need to see our repentance. We teach them by both what we say and what we do. —Albert Lee

*You're teaching a lesson each day that you live;  
Your actions are blazing a trail  
That children will follow for good or for ill;  
You can help them or cause them to fail. —Bosch*

**A godly parent is a child's best guide to God.**



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## Our Children Are Watching

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. —Deuteronomy 6:5**

It can be disturbing to realise that our children often mirror the way we speak and act. I remember being concerned about the way my son angrily lashed out at his sister when she was annoying him. My wife gently pointed out to me that his behaviour was a reflection of mine.

A few weeks later, I caught myself lashing out at my son when I was





# Our Home The Heart



**Matthew 7:17-18**

**(Proverbs 4:23)** "Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life."

**(Proverbs 4:23)** "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." [paraphrase]

This morning we look at two steps to better parenting:

**1. We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves and our \_\_\_\_\_,**

**Matthew 5:27-28,**

**(Hebrews 4:12)** "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

To that end it is helpful to make three statements regarding the heart:

**A. The heart is the source of all \_\_\_\_\_; what we \_\_\_\_\_ and what we \_\_\_\_\_,**

**(Luke 6:45)** "'A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

**(Luke 6:45)** "... For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks." [paraphrase]

◆ The heart is the source of \_\_\_\_\_, Matthew 5:27-28, 6:19-21

**(Mark 7:20-23)** "And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. {21} "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, {22} "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. {23} "All these evil things come from within and defile a man.""

**(Proverbs 29:25)** "The fear of man brings a snare, ..."

**(Psalms 10:4)** "The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts."

◆ The heart is the source of \_\_\_\_\_, Matthew 6:19-21

**B. The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ to us but \_\_\_\_\_ by God,**

**(1 Samuel 16:7)** "But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.""

**(Jeremiah 17:10)** "I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, ..."

**C. The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_,**

**(Psalms 14:1)** "The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." ..."

**(Proverbs 22:15)** "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him."



**2. Dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ only, is superficial (\_\_\_\_\_ ) parenting, Matthew 15:8, 23:25-28**

**(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."

**(Psalms 51:10)** "Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me."

**(Ezekiel 36:24-27)** "'For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. {25} "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. {26} "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. {27} "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."

**(Psalms 139:23-24)** "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; {24} And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."



**(Ephesians 3:20)** "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, ..."

**(2 Peter 1:3-4)** "as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, {4} by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

**(2 Chronicles 16:9)** "'For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. ...'"

