

2017 Homeschool Family Conference

GUIDING OUR LIVES BY THE BOOK



Session 16

How to Keep Education from Going Secular

It Starts with You

"You shall love YHVH your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children" (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

1. Don't do what is _____ in your own eyes.

"You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes" (Deuteronomy 12:8).

"You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHVH your God which I command you" (Deuteronomy 4:2).

"For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it" (Deuteronomy 30:11-14).

"Carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love YHVH your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him" (Deuteronomy 11:22).

See also: Deuteronomy 15:5; 24:8; 28:1; 28:15; 28:58; 31:12.

2. Don't _____ after their gods.

"Take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise' (Deuteronomy 12:30).

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, YHVH your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Deuteronomy 5:8-10).

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3. Don't _____ the world.

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

"You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's" (Deuteronomy 5:21).

"When you come to the land which YHVH your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' you shall surely set a king over you whom YHVH your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for YHVH has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself" (Deuteronomy 17:14-17).

Examples:

A. Adam and Eve

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate" (Genesis 3:6).

B. Abraham and Lot

"And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before YHVH destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of YHVH, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against YHVH" (Genesis 13:10-13).

"Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom" (Genesis 19:1).

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"Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him. For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of YHVH, to do righteousness and justice, that YHVH may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him" (Genesis 18:18-19).

4. Don't _____.

"You must not fear them, for YHVH your God Himself fights for you" (Deuteronomy 3:22).

"Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? ...For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Corinthians 10:7, 12).

The Road to Victory

"How can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house" (Matthew 12:29).

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah" (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).