

Read through the Bible in 2016!

(Submitted by Mike McKnight)

Suggested chapters to read so that we might read through the entire Bible during 2016! **This week's "schedule":**

- **Day 95** - Judges 16-18 Monday
- **Day 96** - Judges 19-21 Tuesday
- **Day 97** - Ruth 1-4 Wednesday
- **Day 98** - 1 Samuel 1-3 Thursday
- **Day 99** - 1 Samuel 4-8 Friday
- **Day 100** - 1 Samuel 9-12 Saturday
- **Day 101** - 1 Samuel 13-14 Sunday

April Birthdays

1 Daniel McKnight 11 Dolly Cashion 23 Shannon Hudson
3 Amanda Hoffman 16 Alana Hudson 26 Stori Rose Hoffman
6 Susan Hudson 17 Belva Meanor

April Anniversaries

9 Bill & Kena Brown

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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What do we want our children to become?

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President Theodore Roosevelt had four sons. He was very proud when the first three sons announced their intention to join the military. But when his fourth son also decided to join the army, the old Rough Rider balked. "Not all my boys," he said to his wife. But she replied, "Ted, if you raise them as eagles, you can't expect them to fly like sparrows."

All parents should have a dream for their children. Isaiah put it this way. "*And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children*" (Isaiah 54:13).

We announce what we want our children to be by what we teach them. It's not the church's responsibility to teach our children. It's ours as a mother and father. Several years ago, I talked with a man who at one time had been in a non-Sunday school congregation. When I asked him why, he said, "We did not object to classes. What we were afraid of was that if we provided classes at the church, then parents would quit teaching at home." Was he right?

We announce what we want our children to be by the example we set. It's amazing how some parents put ball games, camping trips, golf games, and fishing trips above attending worship, and then they wonder why their children leave the church. Someone wrote, "What you are thunders so loudly that I cannot hear what you say."

We announce what we want our child to be by the plans we make for them. Our children know if something is really important to us. Have we been saying from the time they started to

school, “Now make good grades so that someday you can go to college”? They know we want them to get a college education. But what about our spiritual dreams for them? Have we encouraged them to be preachers, missionaries, Bible school teachers, elders, or deacons? By our plans, we have told them what we think is important.

The greatest thing we can do for our children is to plant the seeds of faith in their hearts. College is not the most important thing in the world. Let our children know that more than anything else, we want them to be faithful Christians.

Teaching the Children

By A. Jay Kelly

“Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.” Proverbs 1:8-9

In this wise advice, we find the principle of an eldership hierarchy, or leadership by older people, taught throughout scripture. In this case, it is the children who are specifically taught to emulate the teachings of their parents. In other Scriptures, we are taught to respect the older members of the congregation. There is also, however, an implied responsibility in this passage given to the parents.

Our news services are full of stories of children out of control, some even committing horrible crimes. In many cases, these kids are emulating the teaching of their parents. We don't have to be "bad people" to teach bad lessons to our kids.

- When we blame others for our failures, we teach our children irresponsibility.
- When we disparage those in authority, we teach our children lack of respect for authority.
- When we miss worship for recreational activities, we teach our children the place of God in our lives.

It is easy to point to our slums, where children grow up surrounded by drugs, criminal activity and other forms of immorality, as the

problem. But I remain convinced that the problem is the same when our more affluent children commit crimes. They were taught by their parents.

What are we teaching our babies?

Saying Versus Seeing

By Ron Adams

It's important that we teach our children to love one another. However, this becomes difficult when they hear us constantly criticizing and complaining about others.

What they see outweighs what we say. It's critical that we teach our children to obey all of the Lord's commands. However, the job becomes hopeless when they see us excusing ourselves from obeying certain commands we may find "too restrictive."

What they see outweighs what we say. It's crucial that we teach our children how the Lord wants them to act as husbands, wives and parents. However, there is more likelihood they will follow our example rather than follow our teaching.

What they see outweighs what we say. Unless, and until, what we say and what we do are one and the same, we will never be convincing.

Lessons From a Child

Author Unknown

A father started to read a magazine, but his little girl Jessica kept interrupting him. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his magazine on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Jessica and said, “Go into the other room and see if you can put this together.”

After a few minutes, Jessica returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. “Oh,” she said, “on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where he belonged, then the world came together.”