

## **“PARENTS BEWARE!”**

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**INTRO:** On this Mothers' Day, I'm going to be speaking not just to mothers, but also to fathers – to parents.

### **I. GOD-GIVEN PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES.**

A. Deut. 6:5-9

1. Love God with everything you have and are (v. 5).
2. Know and obey the ways of God [model] (v. 6).
3. Diligently (intentionally) teach your children to know and obey the ways of God (v. 7).
  - a. This is the parents' responsibility and no one else's!
  - b. Model the life you want your children to live.
4. Keep the ways of God always before you and remove opposing influences (vv. 8-9).

B. Teach AND train your children (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4).

### **II. BEWARE OF PARENTING OBSTACLES (Col. 2:8).**

A. We are called to “*beware*” of being led astray (deceived) by wrong philosophies (Col. 2:8).

B. “*Beware*” – to look at, see, perceive, take heed. Are you?

C. Guard against deception (Eph. 5:6, 11; 1Tim. 4:1-2).

1. Demonic spirits are working to deceive (1Tim. 4:1).

D. What are some of these deceiving philosophies? Some of what is taught in public schools, rewriting history, socialism, sexual immorality, CRT, equity, etc.

E. 2Tim. 4:2-5; Titus 1:9-16; Prov. 29:16 – pastors speak up!

### **III. PROACTIVE PARENTING.**

A. 2Tim. 3:13-17 – Persevere in God's Word!

B. Don't Neglect to Correct (Prov. 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15, 17).

•***It's more work to neglect to correct than it is to consistently correct (Prov. 29:17)!***

C. Got involved!

**CONCLUSION:** Parent like Abraham and Joshua (Gen. 18:19; Josh. 24:15). These are your kids! Don't let them steal your kids! Don't let them brainwash your kids! Fight for your kids!