

## **THINGS THE WORLD WON'T TEACH OUR CHILDREN (Ephesians 6:4)**

### **I. Lying is sin.**

- A. We live in a world where dishonest businessmen, politicians and TV figures do terrible things to the truth.
  - 1. They do it very well.
  - 2. So well in fact that many times we find it difficult to remember what is true and what is not.
- B. If we, as adults, find it difficult, what do you think it does to children?
- C. Lies are heard constantly on TV and in the media.
  - 1. Evolution is taught as fact.
  - 2. Characters on TV shows lie to their parents and to one another constantly.
    - a. A few years ago, a craze swept the religious world that involved using episodes of Andy Griffith as Bible class material.
    - b. I always found it humorous in a sad way, because, as good as that show was, those actors lied all the time to each other.
- D. The Bible plainly teaches that all lying is sinful (Exodus 23:1; Revelation 21:8; 22:15).
- E. You won't find exceptions made for the littlest "white" lie or a little coloring of the truth, or lying for the end to justify the means.
- F. God simply says, "Don't lie" and the world doesn't teach that.

### **II. Think of others first.**

- A. We live in a "Me first" society.
- B. Everyone is looking out for number one.
- C. This is far from what God wants.
  - 1. Philippians 2:3.
  - 2. We are to put others before ourselves.
- D. The times in which we live are for self-promoters and the selfish.
  - 1. God never intended for that to be the case.
  - 2. Matthew 20:26.
- E. We have the responsibility to teach this to our children because the world won't.

### **III. Respect those in authority.**

- A. If you watch kids shows, cartoons or children's movies, or many sitcoms, this is far from what is being taught.
  - 1. Parents are depicted as idiots of whom the children can take advantage very easily.
  - 2. Those in authority in schools are shown to be incapable of any type of teaching.
  - 3. Policemen and other law enforcement officers are shown to be inept, clueless or even corrupt.
- B. It hasn't always been like this, but now it is.

- C. If our children grow up thinking that all authority is for questioning and to be disobeyed how will they ever submit to the ultimate Authority - Jesus Christ?
- D. We need to teach Romans 13:1ff.
- E. We need to teach them Hebrews 13:17.
- F. We need to teach them to respect coaches, teachers, umpires or referees or anyone that is in charge.
- G. We must teach them to respect elders, deacons and teachers in the church.
- H. The world refuses to teach such but we, as Christians, must teach these things to our children.

**IV. Be careful what you allow in your body.**

- A. Alcohol is constantly being promoted on television.
  - 1. It seems to our children that everyone drinks.
  - 2. It is as if you can't go to a sporting event without it.
- B. Drugs are extremely prevalent in our society.
  - 1. At least one state has even legalized marijuana use.
  - 2. Others allow it for medical purposes.
- C. Our children must be taught that their body is a temple (1 Corinthians 6:19).
- D. We must teach them that the use of alcohol is sinful and that drugs will kill them or others if they use such (Galatians 5:19-21).
  - 1. Drunkenness is sinful and you can't get drunk without taking the first drink.
  - 2. Witchcraft is from the Greek word from which we have derived the English word pharmacy and it carries the idea of drug use.
- E. The world sees nothing wrong with drinking or drug use but we must teach our children such is sinful.

**V. Homosexuality is a deviant lifestyle choice.**

- A. This blight on humanity is being pushed down our throats.
  - 1. There is an agenda being pushed by LGBT community.
  - 2. If you speak against them they wanted you treated as a criminal and a racist.
- B. It is on TV, in movies and magazines.
- C. It is even pushed on HGTV.
- D. God condemns this lifestyle choice as sinful and we must teach this to our children.
  - 1. Just because legislation may be passed or the Boy Scouts can now have gay scout leaders, doesn't mean it has changed in God's eyes.
  - 2. It is still sinful (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).
    - a. Effeminate has to do with homosexuality.
    - b. Abusers of themselves with mankind can be translated "sodomite."
- E. We don't hate homosexuals: rather, we love them and want them to give up their sinful lifestyle.

1. They are no more sinful than a liar or a fornicator.
  2. But we cannot accept any part of that lifestyle and be right with God.
- F. The world encourages and promotes homosexuality and we must teach our children the truth about this sinful life choice.
- VI. God invented sex for marriage.**
- A. Fornication is rampant on TV shows, in books and movies.
  - B. As a nation, we have things completely backwards.
    1. We first fall in lust.
    2. We then have sexual relations resulting in children.
    3. We then, maybe, get married or live together in sin.
  - C. Our children need to know God's perfect blueprint for happiness - one biological woman and one biological man devoted to one another and sex as a wonderful expression of their love and devotion to one another.
  - D. We can't assume our children know this.
    1. We must talk to them about it.
    2. Scripture can be shown them to let them know God's will (Proverbs 5:15-19; Hebrews 13:4; Genesis 2:18-25).
  - E. We need to tell them that sex before marriage is fornication and sex outside of marriage is adultery and both are sinful.
- VII. Being a Christian is the only way to go to heaven.**
- A. You can get to heaven many different ways according to the world.
  - B. We have just been told in the last week that you don't even have to believe in God to go to heaven by a leader of one of the world's largest religions.
  - C. Our children need to know that it is not that simple.
    1. God must be put first (Matthew 12:30).
    2. The Lord's kingdom must be sought above all else (Matthew 6:33).
    3. We must put on Christ (Galatians 3:26-27).
  - D. We must teach them there is only one way to heaven and that is by being a Christian.

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