Memory Verse For Parents

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INTRODUCTION

- I have stored up your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
- Nothing in the context demands or indicates that scriptural memorization is something just for children.
- This morning I want to share with you three powerful passages that I believe every parent needs to commit to memory.

1 Children, Obey Your Parents in the Lord

Ephesians 6:1

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- It means to submit to the authority of another.
- Because it reminds every parent, you are in charge of your children. You are expected by God to teach, instruct, to guide, to discipline.
- And as they responded to their parents' authority, so they must now learn to respect God's authority.
- I'm in charge. And I will answer to God for how I raise this child.
- Actually, what parents need to say today is I'm going to do what God tells me to do. And I'm going to expect that in my home.

2 He Who Began a Good Work in You

Philippians 1:6

- I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- God is at work in you, mom and dad, to accomplish his will for your children. You can do this.
- As much as you love your child, the Lord loves your child more.
- You are the very best possible mechanism to raise that child. Not a government, not a daycare, not even the local church. God gave you those kids.
- See, God is going to help us, gonna help us through his word, gonna help us through the body of Christ.
- God has begun a great work in me as a parent, and with God's help will get the job done.

3 Whoever Spares the Rod Hates His Son

Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 22:15; Proverbs 29:15

- Whoever spares the rod hates his son. But he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.
- Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.
- Discipline means training. They need discipline so they can control themselves and do what is right, not merely what is fun or entertaining or feels good.
- Spanking is one kind of discipline, but it is certainly not the only kind of discipline.

- What we need to learn, mom and dad, is to stop listening to the spirit of our age and start listening to what the Holy Spirit says in divine scripture.
- My job is to teach my children about obedience so they can be obedient to God Almighty.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you obeyed the word of God? Have you done what the Lord says to be a Christian?**

MY NOTES