Things We Should Tell Our Children

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INTRODUCTION

- I've been asked to talk about some things that you ought to tell your children.
- It tells us how to take care of situations, it tells us what to warn them about.

1 Not Too Anxious to Leave Home

- We should tell our children not to be too anxious to leave home.
- There is a natural sort of proclivity in young people to want to get freed from the restraints of the home.
- The world holds out the promise of freedom for these young people when in reality it's offering not a thing in the world but a new enslavement.
- We need to have a conversation with our young people.
- How long has it been since your children heard you read the Bible out loud?

2 Not to Waste What They've Been Given

- We need to teach young people not to waste what they've been given.
- You determine what that child's abilities are, you determine what his talents are, and try to guide him in that direction.
- Children need to watch out for ingratitude. You need to tell them what they ought to be thankful for.
- When you don't use what you have in the service and devotion of God for the good of your fellow man, you will degenerate into an immoral person eventually.
- Each man is responsible for what he's been given.

3 Be Careful How They Choose Their Friends

- We need to tell our children to be careful about how they choose their friends.
- We should teach our young people to make friends slowly, especially with people out in the world.
- Faithful are the wounds of a friend, said Solomon. The kisses of an enemy are deceitful.
- Fleeting popularity is not worth the investment of your soul.
- When the funds are gone, the friend will be gone.

4 Remember Where You Are and What Time It Is

- I think children need to be taught the value of repentance.
- Repentance is a change of your will with regard to something.
- He came to himself. He saw himself for what he really was.
- Repent when it's time is a good habit to teach our children.

- We need to teach our children to come to themselves, to look at themselves for what they are, and to be about the business of making corrections.

5 Religion Is Not Equal to Commitment

- We need to teach our children that religion is not equal to commitment.
- So we need to remember the way home.
- Wretched, poor, spiritually impoverished, he went home. Home where God is.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And don't let the world fool you. Don't fall for her enticements. You'll be sorry if you do.**

MY NOTES