

**Shema  
Train Up A Child  
5/8/21**

**Recap of Shema**

**-I want the reflex of my heart to be one of obedience to God!**

**-rebellious - reluctant - reflexive**

**-(show the Shema diagram) (talk about this being a heart renovation)**

-What can I do now to prepare my children for their own Shema journey later in life? Or, is there anything you should be doing now...YES!!!!

**-Michaux kids picture**

**Parenting Goals**

**-I want my children to be happy.**

- Wise
- Proverbs 4:7
- Wisdom avoids the foolishness that robs us of our happiness!

**-I want my children to like me.**

- Respect
- Ephesians 6:2
- If they respect you when they are young, they'll like you later!

**-I want my children to be accepted.**

- Secure (family identity then identity in Christ)
- Psalm 139:13-14
- Self-acceptance not social-acceptance!

**-I want my children to be successful.**

- faithful
- Luke 12:15
- Teach them to chase a calling! (material destiny)

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-Proverbs 22:6 (KJV vs. NLT)

- This isn't about returning, it's about staying!
- If your kids are older and you were lazy, ask for forgiveness.
- If your kids are older and you made honest mistakes, say sorry.

-Proverbs 29:18 (KJV vs. NLT)

- This is about Shema!
- Give your children a vision for a life submitted to divine guidance!

**-The culture of your home ultimately determines the condition of your child's heart.**

## **Mission or Me**

-Philippians 2:3-4 (stop raising children who believe the right things but aren't becoming the right people!!!!!!)

-A "Me" home is a place where these questions come first...

1. **How does this benefit me?**
2. **Am I getting my way?**
3. **Is this what's best for me?**
4. **Is this convenient for me?**

-A "Mission" home is place where these questions come first...

1. **How can I help others?**
2. **Is this the choice Jesus would make?**
3. **Am I serving everywhere until God reveals my somewhere?**
4. **Am I deferring to the preferences others?**

-Matthew 20:28

-Ephesians 2:10...are you giving your children a vision for the mission that God has for them...that their greatest adventure is through divine guidance!

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### **Morality or Monasticism?**

-We are going to cover this in greater detail in a couple weeks when we do Moral Conversion but just a few thoughts tonight...

**-You are failing your children if you are only giving them prohibitive rules that restrict instead of Biblical values that direct.**

-(annual parenting class)

**-Biblical Value + Self Control = Moral Conduct**

-1 Samuel 15:22

*-Monasticism - starting in around year 300 for about 1500 years perpetuated a belief that spiritual growth comes primarily through suffering and sacrifice...*

-Philippians 4:8-9

-When you inspire your children to do right things it will displace the desire to do wrong things.

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### **Matrimony or Membership?**

-Isaiah 54:5

-2 Corinthians 11:2 (reference)

-Revelation 19:7-9 (reference)

*-Are you teaching your children to be church members or are you teaching them to be the bride of Christ...matrimony or membership?*

-Membership seeks... (Luke 17:7-10)

- Privileges
- Title
- Recognition
- Convenience
- Preferences
- Negotiation

-Matrimony seeks...

- His glory not our own
- His agenda not our own
- His people not our own
- His future not our own

*-When we raise children who see themselves as the Bride of Christ instead of members of a church, they can't wait to walk down the aisle to be with Him every weekend!!!*

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## **Band**

-1 Corinthians 11:1

**-Spiritual maturity is your gateway to credibility when it comes to being a dominant influence in the lives of your children.**

*-Give your children an example to follow, not a list of rules by which to live.*