



SHEPHERDING OUR CHILDREN'S HEARTS

Session #2

A. HEALTHY HEARTS BRING FORTH GOOD FRUIT

Luke 6:43-45

For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Paul Tripp

The moment the outside pressure wanes, the behaviour reverts to what it was before. The body always goes where the heart leads.

B. CHANGED HEARTS TRANSFORM THE CHILD'S LIFE

Matthew 23:25-26

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

Paul Tripp

“Change that ignores the heart will seldom transform the life. For a while, it may seem like the real thing, but it will prove temporary and cosmetic.”

C. HELPING THE CHILD TO UNDERSTAND THE CONDITION OF THEIR HEART

Matthew 15:18-19

But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

Tedd Tripp

“Parenting is shepherding the hearts of your children in the ways of God’s wisdom. The central focus of parenting is the gospel. You need direct not simply the behaviour of your children, but the attitudes of their hearts.”

D. TURN THEIR HEARTS TOWARDS GOD AND THE GOSPEL

Deuteronomy 6: 5-7

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Tedd Tripp

“Ultimately, your children must internalise the message of the gospel. Each child in a Christian home will at some point examine the claims of the gospel and determine whether he will embrace its truth.”

E. REASONS WHY PARENTS FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR AND NOT THE HEART.

1. Behaviour has become our priority.
2. Concerned about what others may think.
3. Business of life.
4. Lack of awareness of Doctrine of Sin.

F. PRE-REQUISITES TO SHEPHERDING OUR CHILDREN'S HEARTS

1. Biblical understanding of sin.
2. Time and Patience.
3. Realising the Importance of Addressing the Heart.

Proverbs 4: 23

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Tedd Tripp

Your heart determines your behaviour, what we say and do expresses the orientation of our hearts, and what our children say and do is a reflection of what is in their hearts.