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OPEN HEAVEN 27 MAY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR CHILDREN

MEMORISE

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

READ: Deuteronomy 6:1-7

- 1 Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:
- 2 That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.
- 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and

honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

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When Pharaoh said, "I won't let the Israelites go," he wasn't talking about limiting them to a geographical location; he was talking about a different kind of bondage (Exodus 5:2). People who are in the kind of bondage that Pharaoh was referring to have no control over anything, not even their children (Exodus 1:1-22).

If a country's government says that parents cannot raise their children in the way of the Lord, they should know that there is an evil agenda behind it. That is bondage, and they must not allow themselves to remain under it.

Parents shouldn't depend on any government to teach their children. Rather, they should take charge and teach them God's values from His word. If a government insists that parents cannot teach their children what is right, they should move out of that place and go where they will not be under bondage.

Parents should check what their children are being taught in school and ensure they are not influenced to adopt a mindset that is against God's will. They should also check the games they play and the cartoons they watch because, through them, something evil can be positioned to influence their mindsets.

If you take charge of the children and youths around you, it will be difficult for them to be influenced by an evil agenda. If you are a parent, you must intentionally create time to teach your children God's ways so that they will know Him for themselves as they grow. Let them spend more time with fellow believers, doing things that will make them grow up into godly adults.

When I moved to Redemption City with my family, my children were schooling far away, and they had to leave the house before 6am on school days so they wouldn't be late for school.

In order to have a relationship with them, we often ate our dinner in the car together as we drove back home from their school.

As they grew older, I began to take them on evangelistic outreaches. Even when they were in the university, whenever I visited them, I ensured we spent quality time together. We would take walks and discuss the Scriptures: then, I'd guide them with God's principles.

Parents, take charge of your children; don't let the enemy win them over. God will hold youaccountable for the children He has given you as He did with Eli (1 Samuel 2:27-31). Rise up to theresponsibility of nurturing and training them in His ways.

KEY POINT

Don't expose your children to the enemy by submitting to societal pressures.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Job 1-4

RCCG HYMN 5: BLESSED ASSURANCE

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 27 MAY 2025 COMMENTARY

Memorise: Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

This foundational Scripture establishes **parental responsibility as primary spiritual educators**, with eternal consequences.

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-7 (KJV)

Moses' instruction to Israel reveals **God's blueprint for generational discipleship**—teaching children diligently in all life contexts ("when you sit, walk, lie down, rise").

Key Insights from Today's Open Heaven Devotional

- 1. The Pharaoh Principle: Recognizing Spiritual Bondage
 - Modern Parallels to Exodus 5:2:
 - 1. Educational Systems: Mandates against biblical values
 - 2. Media Influence: Anti-Christian ideologies in children's content
 - 3. Legal Restrictions: Parental rights erosion in some nations
 - Threefold Response Commanded:
 - 1. Vigilance: "Check what children are taught" (1 Thessalonians 5:21)
 - 2. Action: "Move if necessary" (Matthew 10:23)

3. Instruction: "Teach diligently" (Deuteronomy 6:7)

2. The Eli Warning: Consequences of Parental Neglect

- Case Study (1 Samuel 2:27-31):
 - Failure: Eli honored sons above God (v.29)
 - Judgment. Priesthood removed from lineage (v.31)
- Contemporary Applications:
 - Permissiveness = Spiritual endangerment
 - Delegating discipleship to institutions = Dereliction of duty

3. Biblical Models of Intentional Parenting

Parent	Method	Result	Scripture
Hannah	Dedicated Samuel pre-birth	n Prophet/Judge	1 Samuel 1:11
Lois/Eunice	Taught Scriptures early	Timothy's faith	2 Timothy 1:5
The Author	Car dinners + evangelism	Godly legacy	Devotional Example

4. Practical Discipleship Strategies

- 1. Time Investment
 - o Car Dinners: Utilizing commute for connection
 - o University Visits: Intentional spiritual mentoring

2. Content Control

- Monitoring:
 - School curricula
 - Entertainment choices
 - Peer influences
- 3. Experiential Learning
 - Family evangelism (like Pastor Adeboye's outreaches)
 - Service projects (James 1:27)
- 4. Scriptural Dialogue
 - "When you walk by the way" discussions (Deuteronomy 6:7)
 - Answering questions with biblical truth (1 Peter 3:15)

5. The Urgency of Now

- Statistical Reality:
 - 70% of church-raised youth leave faith by college
 - o Only 4% of Gen Z hold biblical worldview
- Spiritual Warfare Tactics:
 - 1. Early Indoctrination: LGBTQ+ agendas in elementary schools
 - 2. Digital Addiction: 8+ hours daily screen time for teens
 - 3. Parental Passivity: Delegating to Sunday schools alone

Life Applications

For Parents:

- Action Plan:
 - 1. Conduct a "media fast" to audit child's consumption
 - 2. Institute weekly family Bible studies
 - 3. Find mentorship opportunities like family mission trips

For Grandparents/Relatives:

- Role: Supplemental discipleship (2 Timothy 1:5)
- Method: Storytelling faith legacy (Psalm 78:4)

For Childless Believers:

- Ministry: Support struggling parents through:
 - After-school Bible clubs
 - Foster care initiatives

Warning vs. Promise

- Warning: "Unrestrained children bring shame" (Proverbs 29:15)
- **Promise:** "Godly training yields eternal fruit" (Proverbs 22:6)

Conclusion: A Call to Arms for Christian Parents

- 1. The battle for the next generation is won or lost at home
- 2. Cultural captivity begins with parental abdication
- 3. Your children's eternal destiny outweighs career success

Prayer Response

"Father, awaken me to my sacred parenting mandate. Give me courage to resist cultural bondage, wisdom to teach diligently, and creativity to redeem time with my children. Let my home become a discipleship center for Christ, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Final Charge

"Will your parenting be remembered like Hannah's faithfulness or Eli's failure?"

The souls of your children are your greatest mission field!

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