

Be Careful Little Ones

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1 Jn. 2:12-17

- The most important lesson that can be taught our children is to love God (Mat. 22:37-38; 1 Jn. 5:2), because the love of God is foundational.
- If we love Him, we will love His Son. Jn. 8:42
- If we love Him, we will love our neighbors and our brethren. Mat. 22:39; 1 Jn. 4:20-21
- If we love Him, we will keep His commandments. Jn. 1:15, 21; 1 Jn. 5:2-3

Be Careful Little Eyes What You See. Cf. Mat. 6:19-24.

- "The eyes are the windows of the soul" - what pleases us to look at indicates our spiritual condition. Cf. Mat. 6:19-24
- Our heart will be where our treasure is.
- Our eyes will be on our treasure, whether it is on earth or in heaven.
- Single, on heaven, inward condition is light.
- Children are visually impressionable - so are adults. Cf. 1 Jn. 2:16.
- Among all of God's creation, only human beings are motivated by lust of the eyes. Cf. Job 31:1.
- We can choose what we focus on. Psa. 101:3, 6; 141:8

Be Careful Little Ears What You Hear. Cf. Mat. 13:15-16

- Hearing - a means by which we learn to do good or evil.
- Take heed what you hear, because it affects your behavior towards God (2 Tim. 4:3-4).
- We can choose what we hear. Cf. (Mk. 4:21-24).

Be Careful Little Mouth What You Say. Cf. Jas. 3:10.

- Mat. 12:34-37. Speech may be good or evil.
- Eph. 4:15, 25 "Speak the truth in love" "Wherefore putting away lying ..."
- Eph. 4:29 "no corrupt communication . . ."

- Col. 4:6 "Let your speech be always with grace . . ."
- We can choose what we say. Cf. Jas. 3:10.

Be Careful Little Hands What You Do. Cf. Eph. 4:28.

- Tit. 2:1-8. "Hands" are symbolic of spiritual condition.
- 1 Tim. 2:8 ". . . holy hands, without wrath and doubting."
- Jas. 4:8 ". . . Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded."
- We can choose what we do. (Eph 4:28)

Be Careful Little Feet Where You Go. Cf. Pro 1:10, 15

- We must all choose the path that we walk upon.
- Choose the right friends - 2 Cor. 6:14 Who would Jesus hang out with? (Hint: Jn. 15:14)
- Choose the right activities - Rom 13:14 Cf. Heb. 10:25. WWJD?
- Choose the right vocations - Col. 3:23-24 Some things, because of their wrong nature, cannot be done for the Lord.
- Do not stay where the word of God is not welcome - shake the dust from your feet. Cf. Lk. 9:5.
- Shine as lights in the world (Phil. 2:15).
- Choose the well lighted path. Psa. 119:105
- We can choose where we go. Cf. Rom. 13:14; 1 The. 5:22.

Decision...

- We adults teach our children the song - do we practice what we preach?
- Are we trying to teach our children to live by a higher standard than we live by?
- If we are, what one word would describe us?
- So watch your eyes, your ears, your mouth, your hands, and your feet.
- Because your Father up above is looking down in love.