

RESTORATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
Jesus In Your Home video series
The Home

Section 3: Segment 21

Topic 2. Guide Your Children's Ambitions: Help Them Make Right Choices

- Do you speak WITH your children or talk AT them? You don't know? Ask them.

- How do they respond to your approach? Ask your family for their feelings about it.

- As you look back, have you emphasized "Christian behaviors" rather than ownership of Christian VALUES? Explain your response.

- Ask your family for their feedback. Do you judge your children's spiritual development by correct behavior, or by the motivation of their heart?

- Are the key values your children display in their behavior *theirs* or *yours*? Explain.

- In Israel, when a boy makes his Bar Mitzvah he becomes a “son of the commandments.” He’s now personally responsible to God for his own obedience and his own relationship with Him. At what age and in what ways are you preparing your child(ren) to be personally responsible to the Holy Spirit?

- Take the time to explain to your children the halakhahs you have for your family. What do you think about keeping a family journal of halakhahs to fortify your home as a sanctuary where our Lord is always welcome, and yourselves as temples in which you’re constantly aware of His holy, sustaining presence?

- As they grow older, guide your children to establish halakhahs for themselves. How are you doing in the whole realm of helping your children apply the Bible to their lives?

- If you haven’t been responsible or diligent in this, what do you need to do differently? Ask your family for input.

- One of the best ways to learn where halakhahs need to be established in your family is to ask them this: What things are bothering them or producing apprehension in them?
