

SHALL I FORCE MY CHILDREN TO GO TO CHURCH????

Shall I make my child go to church? Yes, and with no further discussion about the matter. Are you startled? Why? How do you answer Junior, when he comes to breakfast on Monday morning and announces to you that he isn't going to school any more? You know, Junior goes! How do you answer him when he comes in very soiled and says: "I'm not going to take a bath today!" Junior bathes, doesn't he?

Why all this timidity then, in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? Going to wait and let him decide what church he'll go to when he's old enough? Quit kidding! You didn't wait until he was old enough to decide if he wished to remain dirty or clean. Do you wait until he's old enough to decide if he wants to take his medicine when he's sick?

What will you say when Junior announces he doesn't want to go to church? That's easy! Just be consistent. Tell him: "Junior, in our family we all go to church and that includes you!" Your firmness and example will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion travels into rich and satisfying experiences in personal religious living.

The parents of America can strike a telling blow against the forces which contribute to our juvenile delinquency, if our mothers and fathers will take their children to worship our Lord regularly.

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Hebrews 10:25 teaches that Christians should not miss Church Services. There are occasions (work, sickness, emergencies, etc.) that surely God will overlook. Church Services are not only for the worship and praise of the Creator but also for the benefit of the worshipper. Luke 4:16 teaches that Jesus was in Worship Services on a regular basis. The parent that truly loves his/her offspring will do all that they can to grant spiritual instruction. This calls for setting the example of attendance in regular Worship Services, as well as Godly living.

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