

"IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE ONE'S CHILD IN CHURCH?"

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The story is told about two men that is worth repeating, if one has anything "on the ball spiritually". One was *Max Jukes* and the other was *Jonathan Edwards*. They both lived in the same time period. The story goes like this:

- 1) *Max* lived in New York
- 2) He did not believe in Jesus Christ
- 3) He opposed Christian teachings
- 4) He refused to take his children to church, even when they wanted to attend
- 5) He has had over 1,100 known descendants
 - a) 301 were sent to prison for an average of 13 years
 - b) 187 were public prostitutes
 - c) 674 were admitted alcoholics
- 6) His family, thus far, has cost the state of New York in excess of \$1,920,000. With few exceptions, they have made no contribution to society

- 1) *Jonathan* loved the Lord
- 2) He saw to it that his children attended church even if they did not want to
- 3) He has had over 900 known descendants
 - a) 430 were ministers
 - b) 86 became university professors
 - c) 13 became university presidents
 - d) 75 became authors
 - e) 5 were elected to Congress
 - f) 2 were elected to the Senate
 - g) 1 became Vice President Of the USA
- 4) His family has made a tremendous contribution to society

Now - every parent must decide if the Creator is desirous of them leading their family to church services. The future of a nation largely depends upon their choice.

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