

TRAINING 3 - G2G: HIDDEN TO HOLINESS
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TWO PRINCIPLES

- 1. Parents disciple their children**
- 2. One generation is responsible for the next** - "One generation shall tell the next generation the wonderful works of the Lord" - Psalm 145:4
(simplicity of connecting with younger generation. "As with adults do with children")

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The things that are hidden we don't know about

Hidden Commands = meaning we don't pay attention to it, we ignore it, we don't repent, we don't change... - those commands we ignore as if they did not exist.

If we don't do a command it is call SIN - But in the church we don't repent... IF we REPENT... we CHANGE...

Hidden command - *"Take to heart all the words that I have spoken to you today, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of the law"* – Deut 32:46

If we had a church that was stealing... If we have a church where parents are not discipline their children... - - Commanded to pass it on

He gave us the command to PUT IN OUR HEARTS – to

1. Obey them
2. Tell our children

"Oh Lord, from my youth I have known you, even now when I am old and grey, don't let me die till I have told the next generation the wonderful world of God, your power to all who are to come" – Psalm 71:17-18

Hidden testimony – *"Oh Lord from my youth I have known You"* – Psalm 71:17

- Those sharing the testimony that have grown from the youth (not drug addicts, not deep in sin...) - - Where are these testimonies?
- These people think "I haven't got a testimony"
- If the only testimony is having to fall away - - Those who are faithful don't get attention; only those who fall away... Creates insecurity and confusion...
- The gospel we share is one that people who grow up in the church cannot relate to.
- Who has a testimony like this (knowing God from youth)?

Hidden sin – “*Jesus called a little child to Him... except you are converted and become as little children you shall in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven...*” – **Matthew 18:2-3**

- Our response? How we respond to a child is how we respond to Jesus.
- “**Whoever receives one such little child in My Name welcomes ME.**” – **Matthews 18:5**
- Don't want children in your small group? - - Let's have groups for those who don't want to tithe, those who don't want to make disciples, those who don't want to evangelize... those who don't want children!
- “**Whoever causes one of these little ones, who believes in Me, to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung round his neck and he were cast in the sea**” – **Matthew 1:5-6**
- By children we mean 18 years old and under
- If I throw a rock at a car I would be confronted but if I speak harshly to a child no one will call me on it. Both are SIN in the eyes of Jesus.
- Call SIN what it is! - - Bring people to freedom and revelation...
- “**Take heed that you do not despise of these little ones. I tell you that their angels in heaven always behold the face of my Father in heaven.**” – **Matthew 18:10** (take notice! - - despise is often an inward reaction.
- “**Even so it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.**” – **Matthew 18:14** - Will of the Father is for NOT ONE of the little ones to perish – Imagine a man runs in to the church saying, “I've lost my child, help me, help me!” - - Everyone would jump up to help and we wouldn't rest until that child is found. Tonight there is a FATHER running in here and he is crying and he is saying “I've lost my child. Who is going to help me find them?” - - He is crying day and night. We don't see his lost little ones except to say, “Don't they look cute!”

Time of worship and repentance... confessing our sin...