



FROM THE HEAD'S HEART

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Good morning parents!

Our first full week of school has come to an end. I want to say thank you to all our families for helping to make this first week a great success. I also hope that lower school parents enjoyed Parent Night last evening. Parent night is another way that we as a school want to keep you informed and involved here at school.

Deuteronomy 6:2-9 instructs us as parents that we are responsible for two basic things. First, we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. God has taught me over the years that my children will never rise spiritually above where I am at. The greatest call on our lives as parents is to fall deeply in love with God. Next, this passage tells us that we are to pass that love for God and the things of God onto our children. That is, to plan specifically to provide our children with a Godly heritage.

These two commands are indeed a daunting task for us as parents in a world that encourages us to let our kids go their own way. I read a story recently that I want to share with you that illustrates to us how important it is to follow God's command in Deuteronomy and not let go of our children.

The story goes that British poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge once had a discussion with a man who firmly believed that children should not be given formal religious instruction, but should be free to choose their own religious faith when they reached maturity. Coleridge did not disagree, but later invited the man into his somewhat neglected garden. 'Do you call this a garden?' the visitor exclaimed. 'There are nothing but weeds here!'

'Well, you see,' Coleridge replied, 'I did not wish to infringe upon the liberty of the garden in any way. I was just giving the garden a chance to express itself.'

My prayer is that we will continually do all that it takes to teach our kids to love God and follow His ways.

Thanks for allowing us to be a part of your child's education. I hope that each of you have a great Labor Day weekend!

In His Grip,
Rick Calloway