

MORE TEEN LESSONS FROM DAVID!

From David, 10 years old:



Reaction to "Do Your Best!"

Auntie Sara talked to us about having Initiative to do things on our own without being asked to do them, like the "Real Little Princess" did in "Life with Grandpa". Heaven's Girl is a real example of Initiative—She doesn't always have her nanny there or her Mommy breathing down her neck & telling her what to do. But she just has Initiative from all those years of Word time & following the Lord, so that she seeks the Lord on her own, then she knows what's right. She does what the Lord tells her to do because she is so in tune with Him.

She also talked about royalty, that kings & queens are not people who like to sit around & not do anything but just sit on thrones, especially the princes & princesses, but God's royalty are example people who aren't too big to be "little". Everybody here is a king or queen in God's eyes, like our proofreader is a king, & our typist is a queen, but they all really pitch in & are faithful in big or little jobs.

I'm Thankful for Teen Training!

You can learn from your own mistakes but also you can learn from things that people tell you & instruct you, & learn from other people's lessons & what helped them.

One of the lessons I learned was to listen more & pay attention to what people are saying, because then you get your instructions right & don't get goofed up.

Something else I learned was when Mommy encouraged me that I don't have to do as well as the Teen girls in school classes. I should try, but they are 2 or 3 years older than me. If they do better, which they do sometimes, it's because they are three years older than me.—But I shouldn't feel bad when they do something that I don't exactly get right, because they are older & more experienced about that particular subject.

I Need to Take Teen Training Seriously!

Auntie Sara talked to me about how I haven't really entered in enough to the Teen Training & I've really been a deadhead lately & not really shared my heart & been faithful to communicate. I haven't been faithful with my jobs either & have needed a lot of reminders & have not really been taking heed to warnings.

I've not really been taking my lessons as serious as I should've. I would think, "Oh well, I'll never be good, so I just won't listen & I'll just brush it off & not think it's a very big lesson & not write it down in my Diary, because what would I need it for?" But that is not a good attitude, because I really should've heeded the warnings & written it down in my Diary & learned a lesson from it & taken heed instead of just brushing it off & thinking that they're just nagging me!

—Because then when it's time to do reactions & share my heart & tell what's been going on, I don't know, because I haven't written it down!—Most of all I haven't taken it serious enough to even think it's good to react on.—which then led to my not being faithful to communicate, because I didn't take the lesson serious enough, which meant that I didn't have anything to react on, that meant that I couldn't share my heart like I should have! My caretakers don't know how I feel & what to work on & what to help me on & what to give me instruction on unless I react & share my heart. But I didn't write things down & then communicate them faithfully, so they couldn't help me.

United Prayer Only for Bigger Ailments!

Another thing I learned about prayer was that when we ask for prayer we shouldn't ask for such small, minor things like a tiny scratch & say, "Oh, I scratched my leg, it's real small & you can hardly see it & well, TTL, He's almost already healed it up. But I'd just like to ask for preventative prayer for it." That's not really what asking for prayer is all about, just asking for minute tiny little things like "Oh, I have a bump on my leg, it's real small. You might even need a microscope to see it, but anyway I'd just like to have prayer for it." Also, if you ask the Lord for things one time, He heard you & you don't have to keep asking & asking & asking for some little tiny thing. There are other bigger things the whole body needs to pray about.

So that was a lesson that really spoke to me a lot because I was thinking, "Well, I'd better ask for prayer or people might think that I'm not asking for prayer & I'm too proud to ask for prayer." Actually it's a testimony that the Lord has kept us & protected us so wonderfully! So we shouldn't be asking the Lord about all these little tiny things that were caused by our own

carelessness, because really those are nothing compared to how He has cared for us & protected us! We should even testify of His faithful care for us! So that was a good lesson.

(More from Sara on united prayer only for bigger ailments:) We really believe in prayer & it's good to ask for prayer for healing, but you don't need to ask for prayer for little, tiny, itchy-bitsy undamaging afflictions. It takes up everybody's time & it's not a good sample to the younger children. It shows you don't have much faith if you ask for prayer for insignificant little details such as, "I have a little chipped fingernail. Can you please pray it won't get infected?" When Jesus healed the multitudes, He probably wasn't healing broken toenails, scratched thumbs, a little bumped toe, or half a hangnail, etc. Everybody's got nicks & bruises & that's "natural". It's our flesh, but don't give your flesh too much glory. We don't mind praying for those things, but some little things you can ask me for prayer or counsel about & not the entire body. Dad has had a lot of more serious things, like rashes, ingrown toenails, etc., that he just prays for with Mama & doesn't bring up unitedly or repeatedly for prayer. Be a soldier!—And endure hardness!

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Lessons Learned from Grandpa!

Teen Training Continues as David Learns from Dad & Others!

From David (11 yrs. old),

"What are the recent lessons that I've learned?" My first one was that I should obey & do things that Grandpa & other people ask me to do, & not disobey or try to do it myself the way I think it ought to be done. "A place for everything & everything in its place", is one of the lessons Grandpa has taught me, that I should put everything in its place or else I will have a hard time finding it again. It was a lesson on diligence & to think about what I'm doing & look before I leap, & to do a good & diligent job & not slop through my work or leave things around messy & not do a wholehearted job.

Another lesson was not to be familiar with Grandpa & talk back & interrupt & say what I want to say. And there's no such thing as half-way obedience. Half-way obedience is not obedience at all & I should jump to things that people ask me to do & obey them & should not be in such a hurry to do things, but pace myself, & after I see what all needs to be done, I should put it in categories as to which is more important

& which I should do first & other things which I should leave until last.

One other lesson I learned was that I should listen & believe adults because even though they're not perfect, they know a lot more than I do & I should agree with them & not criticise them in my mind or hold things against them.

I should ask before I make sudden moves & not go around doing my own thing & doing what I think is best without listening & counselling. I learned another lesson like that too, to not go so fast & counsel more with the adults & see what's best, not do what I think is best, which is usually wrong!

Another main lesson Grandpa has been trying to teach me is to go slow & that it's better to do it slow & right, than to do it quick & wrong. YLI I should just do my jobs faithfully like I know I should & go slow & do it right & listen to instruction & not jump in & go ahead & do it the way I think is best, but the way other people have taught me. I should not try to do it on my own, but wait until everybody gets there & counsel first & see what needs to be done.

The next thing I wanted to share was how I like sleeping in Grandpa's room again. Well, it was quite fun for me because I again was able to sleep in his room, but I also realised that it is a real responsibility, not only to sleep with Grandpa & cheer him up, but also to take care of Techl & be like a shepherd to her. Even though I need shepherding myself, I still need to be a shepherd to her & to teach her the right things, & that's a big responsibility. We need to have initiative & we have to do things right on our own without our teachers telling us. It was easier in a way to have people tell us, because then we always knew what we should do & we didn't have to wonder & we didn't have to think about other things. It was kind of like a test to see what I would do when I'd have to be a shepherd to Techl & keep in line myself.

"If I were to go through this past month again, what would I do differently the second time?" Well, I would try to listen more to the adults & heed their warnings more & obey them & try to not argue about anything that I don't like, or criticise, but to just be really willing & obedient, like that verse says, "If ye be willing & obedient ye shall eat the good of the land".

I'll also try to do my Diary more & to keep up with that better, because that's my whole record of what I've been doing.