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## **Books for Our Children**

Dear Brothers,

Where did we get the idea to let our children read books instead of teaching them the commandments? Deut 6:7. We are to work hard as parents in teaching our children the commandments. Who approved of the books or qualifications of books we allow our children to read anyway? In one teaching it was said that the Bible should be used for the children to read until we have our own readers. The children need to learn about nature and animals. Some such instructional, non-fiction reading material may be profitable to a certain extent, but it is only secondary to the Scriptures. So where did the fiction books come in once again? It could be a grave sin for parents to allow their child to get a book out of the library and read it. What if the book was defiling and this child defiled the community? If parents are raising their children this way they are not training them up in the Word of God. This is not our gospel.

If we don't get the children, and get the commandments in them in their early years, then it will be too late when they are youths. We can't start the race with children who don't have the commandments in them. Hundreds will fall away in this condition at the start of the race. Parents have to work with all their strength to impress the commandments on their children's hearts, diligently impressing them. Does your child know the greatest commandment?

Who is ready for the race?

If our children are found without the commandments in them, He will smite the land with a curse, and He will strike me dead.

Passing on books to your children is like Jim Jones passing out Kool-Aid.

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