

## Dr. W. O. Wells, Sr. Children and Youth Rally 2009

### “Basic Training”

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Introduction 1: Dr. James B. Sampson, Florida General Baptist Convention President, Dr. Jimmie L. Bryant, Congress President; Dr. W.O. Wells, Congress President Emeritus; Rev. Moses Atwood, Dean; Sister Patricia Carter, Women's Department President; Rev. Darien K. Bolden, Moderator's Department President; Deacon James Green, Laymen Department President; Sister Gloria Simmons, Young People's Department President; Rev. Arthur Jackson III, Young Pastors Department President, Dr. Harvey Riley, Chairman of the Board; Other Distinguished Officials; Ladies and Gentlemen; Good evening and welcome to Children and Youth Rally 2009. Tonight the theme of Children's and Youth Rally deals with something very serious ...our children

Introduction 2: The Bible gives specific direction to raising children in several passages in the Bible. In Deuteronomy, He commands that the laws and commandments be taught to the parents as well as their children and their children's children after them so that they may fear the Lord. He admonishes parents to impress upon and talk to children when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie the laws and commandments as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates.

Introduction 3: In Proverbs 13 and again in 23 He tells parents to do WHATEVER they gotta do to get the job done. He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him. DO NOT withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he WILL NOT die. PUNISH him with the rod and SAVE his soul from death.

Introduction 4: I Matthew, Mark and Luke, He says don't block; let them come. Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Introduction 5: In Proverbs 13 He sums it all up and stresses, Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Introduction 1: Now there are quite a few passages that give direction to children and their responsibilities in the Bible, but it all starts with Basic Training.

#### Processional Song

*(A group of children enter. There is a lot of commotion.)*

Child 1: *(Walking behind Child 2)* I'm tellin'. I'm tellin. Ooooooh, you gon' get in so much trouble.

Child 2: But I didn't do anything wrong.

Child 3: Hmph

Child 2: What did I do?

Child 3: You didn't do anything wrong...? You don't know?

Child 1: Man you gonna get it. When yo mama get to you... she gonna break you in like a new pair of shoes.

Child 2: But I didn't DO ANYTHING!

Child 3: You walked out of the store with candy in your pocket.





