



A PARENTS GUIDE TO **Using** “Pocket Scriptures” for Character Support

Even if we succeed in teaching our children right from wrong they are likely to walk out the front door and find that fitting in with their friends is more important than God or parents. They lack the personal strength (character skills) to stand up for what they personally believe.

At www.bibleparent.com we offer parents and churches free daily printable Bible verses (Pocket Scriptures) that can help a child walk out what they have been taught is right. Parents who have very young children are invited to visit www.biblehome.org for hundreds of free printable Coloring pages...Bible verses for the very young.

Another important set of character strengthening "Pocket Scriptures" focus on strength and beauty because these verses appeal to almost all children. They **want** to be strong and or beautiful (appreciated). As they learn the verses they learn that what matters most is who they want to be not what the crowd wants them to be. Verses on strength and beauty help a child focus on personal growth and God...not the crowd. The best time for a child to memorize a verse on strength or beauty is when he/she is leaving the house... leaving your influence.

The next set of verses focus on church and family. Scripture is clear. God does not expect us, child or adult, to stand alone. His plan is to surround each of his children with family and fellowship with other believers. In addition to memorizing the verses having your children's friends into your home AT LEAST once a month is critical. Keeping a little basket of bible memory cards "Pocket Scriptures" by the door makes it easy to offer their friends "One for the Road". The idea is to influence their friends before they influence your children.

Last on our list of character building verses are the verses on prayer, praying in the morning before you fall into temptation **and** a habit of praying with others...the one thing most likely to connect a child to the church for life. We hope you will visit www.teachustoprayer.com and make prayer a habit in your home. No one can understand a bible verse without prayer and you can't pray rightly without the Bible. A combination of both will give your child the strength to stand for what you have taught them is right and the courage to turn away from what is wrong. Knowing the difference just isn't enough. A habit of prayer is a key part of raising children with character. *We hope you will visit www.bibleparent.com and make "Pocket Scriptures" a regular part of your child's daily life.*

<p>Mom/Dad:</p> <p>If your church is ENTERTAINING your children they are falling far short. If they are giving your child something to do...something to be a part of then you are in a fine church. The thing about entertaining kids is that Hollywood is better at it. All we can offer them is something to do and a place to belong. It is an offer no child is likely to refuse.</p> <p>It is our prayer that these verses on church and friends help your children choose theirs wisely.</p> <p>Another good idea is to influence your children's friends before they influence you children. Have friends night in your home once a month.</p>	<p>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, <u>we have fellowship</u> with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7</p>	<p>Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3:8</p>
<p>Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4</p>	<p>Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. Hebrews 13:3</p>	<p>Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. Ephesians 4:25</p>
<p>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32</p>	<p>And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24</p>	<p>each helps the other and says to his brother, "Be strong!" Isaiah 41:6</p>
	<p>For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 1 Corinthians 12:13</p>	<p>And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. Colossians 1:18</p>

But you, dear **friends**, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.
Jude 1:20

Dear **friend**, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.
3 John 1:10-12

Dear **friend**, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you.
3 John 1:5

Dear **friend**, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.
3 John 1:2

Dear **friends**, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:11

Dear **friends**, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
1 John 4:1-3

Dear **friends**, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
1 John 3:2

Therefore, dear **friends**, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.
2 Peter 3:16-18

So then, dear **friends**, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.
2 Peter 3:14

Dear **friends**, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.
1 Peter 2:10-12

You adulterous people, don't you know that **friendship** with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a **friend** of the world becomes an enemy of God.
James 4:3-5

And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," **and he was called God's friend.**
James 2:23

<p>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15</p>	<p>You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:14</p>	<p>When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." Luke 5:20</p>
<p>I am a friend to all who fear you, to all who follow your precepts. Psalm 119:63</p>	<p>A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. Proverbs 17:17</p>	<p>He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend. Proverbs 22:11</p>
<p>Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, Proverbs 22:24</p>	<p>Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses. Proverbs 27:6</p>	<p>If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Ecclesiastes 4:10</p>
<p>Oh, for the days when I was in my prime, when God's intimate friendship blessed my house, Job 29:4</p>	<p>And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16</p>	<p>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 1 Timothy 6:18</p>



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