

QUESTIONS

1. Would it be advantageous for our kids and youth to have been born in the congregation?

2 Tim. 3:14-15, Psalm 1:1-6

2. In what way should work be done so that our own stay when they grow up?

Deuteronomy 31:12, Proverbs 22:6

3. How must our own be indoctrinated?

Proverbs 7:1-5, Proverbs 5:1-4

4. What reason do we see that makes our own move apart?

Luke 16:8, Proverbs 7:7-10, 21-23

5. Because they are from the church and are children of active brethren, is there a guarantee that all of our own will stay and serve God?

1 Samuel 2:11, 22-25, 1 Samuel 8:1-5

6. What do we need to do to be successful in the retention of our own?

Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 22:15

7. Having given the advice and having taught the way, what warning does the Lord give?

Ezekiel 3:17-21, Ezekiel 18:20

The Retention of Our Own

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Biblical Reading: **Nehemiah 4:12-14**

Memorization Text: **Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**

(2 Timothy 4:2 KJV)

COMMENTARY

In the people of God, we do not use statistics to determine the probability that one of our youngsters (Youth, Adolescents, or children) would grow up in the congregation and some day, get to be baptized and remain with the church.

Let us raise our heads and look around and see how many brethren who are serious in the works of God are those who took their first steps in this place. But, what happened?

If we see many, then something is working right, thus go forward. If we don't see them, then let us think about what happened.

Each person is free to decide, but in reality, how to help to retain our own? As people, we strive greatly to work in uniting thoughts with other congregations and to preach the gospel to the stranger, but it is extremely important to strive to "evangelize" with vigor and even greater will to those who sit at our table, who share our roof, who have our blood.