

SERMON NOTES

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR LIFE: SINCERE FAITH
Deuteronomy 7:6; 32:44-47

A reporter came to a fire one day where a house was steadily burning down to the ground. He noticed that there was a little boy standing by with his mom and dad. The reporter said, "Son, it looks like you don't have a home any more." The little boy answered courageously, "We have a home--we just don't have a house to put it in." There certainly is a great difference between building a house and building a home. It has been said, "Home is where the heart is."

Moses drew near to death and wanted to depart leaving God's children with final words of wisdom. In Deuteronomy 32:46 he said, "take to your heart." He knew that God's children were moving from the plains of Moab to a new address. They needed to understand that God was not merely interested in their re-location, He was primarily concerned with their devotion. The next great generation needed to let God's words be more than information, God's words were to become their continual source of transformation.

As we seek to build the next great generation, it is critical that we let God's Word be more than just information. We must rely upon God's Word to be our continual source of transformation. Thus, we're not merely building a shell that looks like a house, we are building a home, a spiritual house where God is resident and abiding daily. A place where His presence is known, felt, observed, and welcomed. Every great generation needs a sincere faith. A sincere faith is built when there is...

A move from external religion to internal reality. (v. 46)

Key phrase = "take to your heart"

- a. Purposeful
- b. Planned

A commitment to the commands of God. (v. 46)

Key phrase = "command your sons to observe carefully"

- a. You must mentor the next generation in the truth.
- b. You must model the truth before the next generation.

A consistency between our public and private lives! (v. 47)

Key phrase = "it is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life."

- a. Christianity is not a way of life, Christ is your life!
- b. Christianity is not merely giving assent to God's Word, it is activating God's Word in your life.

A daily process of learning to live on the promises of God. (v. 47)

Key phrase = "by this word"