

# PASSING THE BATON WITHOUT DROPPING IT

Psalm 78

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## Introduction:

Back to school –

**It is our responsibility to pass on the message to the next generation.**

### THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

#### 1. THE CALL TO PARENTS –

- **Importance of Asaph's call**
  
- **Approach Asaph takes**
  - **Parables v. 2**
  
  - **Dark Words – v. 2**
  
  - **Things We Have Heard v. 3**
  
  - **Things We have known v. 3**
  
  - **Will Not Hide 4**

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#### 2. The CHARGE TO TEACH 5

- A. **"Teach"** = Make known
  
- B. **Pattern for teaching Deut. 6**
  
- C. **Limitations of writing alone Acts 8.31**
  
- D. **Principle**—*Character and principled behavior are developed through speech, contact, observation, and supervised practice.*
  
- E. **Example of Jesus & His disciples**  
It can be learned by trial and error. But failure can lead to disaster.

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### **3. THE CONTENT OF OUR MESSAGE - vv. 3- 4 the praises of the Lord**

#### **A. His works v. 3-4ff**

- What our Fathers have told us v. 3
  
- His Goodness – His acts reflect his character
  - Mercy
  - Provision
  
  - Protection
  
- His Strength –
  
- His Holiness – never does anything contrary with his character
  
- His Faithfulness— he keeps his promises

#### **B. His Law v. 5**

- Wrong view of Law
  
- Function of law—school master Gal 3:24
  - Protection—
  
  - Correction—
  
  - Revelation —

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### **4. THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR RESPONSE 7-8**

- If we Heed the call VV 7-8
  
  
- If we Ignore the call vv. 9-72

**Conclusion: There is one thing that all of us can do: Pray**

**1. A Prayer for Alertness**

**Lord, give \_\_\_ a wise heart to see the children who are lonely or afraid.**

**2. A Prayer to Shine**

**Lord, help \_\_\_ to shine the light of Jesus at school today by simply being kind.**

**3. A Prayer for Comfort**

**Lord, give \_\_\_ a keen awareness of your presence with them today so when they feel nervous or afraid, they know you are with them.**

**4. A Prayer for Confidence**

**Lord, remind \_\_\_ to do what is right even when it is not popular.**

**5. A Prayer for Diligence**

**Lord, help \_\_\_ to work diligently and stay focused even when there are distractions.**

**6. A Prayer of Identity**

**Lord, help \_\_\_ to think before they speak or act and to remember they represent You.**

**7. A Prayer for Boldness**

**Lord, help \_\_\_ to be bold in his/her convictions and certain in his/her faith.**

**8. A Prayer for Remembrance**

**Lord, help \_\_\_ to remember the things they learn and recall the things they study to be the best student they can be.**

**9. A Prayer for Understanding**

**Lord, give \_\_\_ ears to hear and a mind to understand what he/she is being taught.**

**10. A Prayer for Discernment**

**Lord, Give \_\_\_ the ability to separate truth from error.**

**11. A Prayer for Wisdom**

**Lord, give \_\_\_ a heart to discern and discover more of You this year.**