

Rearing Your Children According To The Bible -4/30/23

TEXT - Genesis 1:27-28 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

INTRO – 1822 times the word children is used. It is used often as a metaphor applied to new believers.

Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

I. Children Are a Blessing From God

Psalms 127:1-5 *A Song of degrees for Solomon. Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. 3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.*

Zechariah 8:5 *And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.*

II. Be An Example – Children hear your speech and see your actions. You are the best model they have.

Titus 2:4 *That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,*

Titus 1:6 *If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.*

1 Timothy 5:14 *I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.*

III. Instruct Them – Instruction takes time. You must be willing to take time with your children to instruct them. In my opinion the greatest failure of parents today is a lack of instruction. Children hear many voices today and their hearts can be taken from you if you do not take their hearts.

Proverbs 1:8 *My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:*

2 Timothy 2:2 *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many*

witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

1 Timothy 4:11-13 *These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.*

A. The Jews instructed their children daily

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.*

B. The feast of Tabernacles – The fathers made a primitive and temporary dwelling with sticks and palms. Time was taken to instruct their children.

Deuteronomy 16:16 *Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:*

C. Things to teach

1. Teach them to listen to you
2. Teach them not to listen to the ungodly
3. Teach them discernment
4. Teach them moral purity
5. Teach them to work
6. Teach them to keep their word
7. Teach them to obey from the heart

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IV. Correct Them

A. Pray for a prodigal child

1. Pray for a heart of brokenness, no matter the earthly cost.
2. Pray against the enemy’s desire to have them.
3. Pray specific Scripture over their life.

Psalms 18:16-19 *He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which*

hated me: for they were too strong for me. 18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. 19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

B. Chasten them while they are young

Proverbs 13:24 *He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. (Early)*

C. Allow them to learn from their mistakes

Ephesians 6:4 *And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

D. Teach them to develop responsible independence

V. Love And Encourage Them

Titus 2:4 *That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,*

Colossians 3:18-21 *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.*

Matthew 19:14 *But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*

Proverbs 3:12 *For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.*

Praise them for doing good.

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