

KINGDOM ESSENTIALS: MARRIAGE, PARENTING AND A GENERATIONAL VISION

“The Priority of the True Gospel in Producing a Transformed Generation”

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalms 78:5-8)

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deut. 6:4-9)

“Father’s formulate the vision, sons demonstrate the vision, and grandsons authenticate the vision.”

“He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, 6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, 7 so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; 8 and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.” (Psalm 78:5-8)

What exactly is GENERATIONAL TRANSFER?

❖ **Generational Transfer**

“Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it, and rule...” (Genesis 1:28)

In understanding the spiritual race, we need to understand that:

- We Are Not Running A New Race But Are Continuing One Started By Our Forefathers
- We Are To Receive from the Previous Moves
- We Are To Run Our Own Distance Allotted to Us in the Race

"For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers, and underwent decay;" (Acts 13:36)

- We Are Responsible To Maintain Past Victories and Present Destiny

"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win." (1 Corinthians 9:24)

You can teach what you know, but you can only "reproduce" what you are!

So we need GENERATIONAL TRANSFER and then we need ...

❖ **Generational Momentum**

I want to call your attention to Ecclesiastes 2:18-21. It says,

"I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, 19 and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, 21 because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil." (Ecclesiastes 2:18-21)

Spiritual success in life is to have a spiritual successor!

SOWING INTO THE NEXT GENERATION! This is CORE of GENERATIONAL MOMENTUM! And it starts with a ...

- Spiritual Impartation

We learn this from ...

- The Timothy Example

"... I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, " (II Timothy 1:5-6)

"For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel" (Phil 2:20-22)

- ▶ Abraham's Impartation to His Children

God said of Abraham:

"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." (Genesis 18:19)

God promised Abraham that he would inherit the world, but the promise was not to Abraham only!

"For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all." (Romans 4:13-16)

- ▶ Moses' Impartation to Joshua

"Now Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on Him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses" (Deuteronomy 34:9)

- When Moses was seeking God for 40 days, where was Joshua? While everyone else grew impatient and began to worship a false god, Joshua was on the mountain getting as close to Moses and God as he could. (see Exodus 24:13-18)
- When Moses went into the tabernacle and spoke face to face with God, Joshua was there. And when Moses returned to the camp, "...his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle" (Exodus 33:11).
- When 8 of the 10 spies who went to scout out the promised land came back full of fear and doubt and gave a negative report, Joshua was one of two who gave a good report full of courage and faith (see Numbers 14:36-38).

Conclusion:

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9)

Let me conclude by pointing your attention to Malachi 4:5-6. These two verses contain a prophecy, a promise of blessing, and the threat of a curse. It says,

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." (Malachi 4:5-6)