

KINGDOM ESSENTIALS: MARRIAGE, PARENTING AND A GENERATIONAL VISION

“The Priority of the True Gospel in Producing a Transformed Generation”
(II Corinthians 6:11-18; 7:1-2)

“We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. 12 You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. 13 In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also. 14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, 18 and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.” (II Corinthians 6:11-18)

“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. 2 Make room in your hearts for us.” (7:1-2)

Last week, we taught on developing a CULTURE OF FAITH AND AFFECTION, FEAR AND AWE in the home for the benefit of our children. In addition to these, today I want us to see the need for ...

❖ A Culture of Faithfulness and Action

While God brings the results, we have a responsibility to be faithful to parenting Biblically and act in accordance with those Biblical principles.

- A Culture of Faithfulness

- Personal Faithfulness to the Master

- A Parental Role as a Steward

Because parents are stewards in the raising of their children, then it follows that success for parents begins with ...

- A Personal Relationship with the Master

- Personal Faithfulness to the Marriage

The greatest teacher we have other than the Holy Spirit is our example!

- The Power of Example

- Poor Example

"Parents can actually preach an unattractive gospel to their children through their marriage."

- Powerful Example

"Children learn more by the eye than they do by the ear."

- The Power of Leadership

"In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began TO DO and TEACH." (Acts 1:1)

Notice the sequence: first Jesus **did** and then He taught! Biblical history demonstrates that people will seldom rise above the spiritual level of their leadership.

- A Culture of Action

Our role as parents is not to separate our children from the world, but to separate worldliness from our children.

- Holiness in the Gospel

The cross reveals to us that our God is infinitely holy! Biblical holiness means separation.

- Chastisement in the Gospel

Chastisement means *a severe rebuke or reprimand; punishment through corporeal means.*

"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:4-5)

"But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons." (Hebrews 12:8)

"Blessed is the man whom You chasten, O LORD, And whom You teach out of Your law;" (Psalms 94:12)

- The Purpose of Chastisement is to Bring Alignment
- The Power of Consequences in Building Agreement

Agreement means leading your child to confession that brings about repentance.

- Parents Must be Unified on the Tools of Correction
- Parents Must Not Allow the Children to Manipulate One Over the Other
- Parents Need to Understand that Negotiations are Not an Option