

L6: Ephesians 6:1-4 - The Father & Mother's Instruction in Parenting

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- Importance of family - godly marriage
- Importance of the godly husband
- Importance of the godly wife

Sermon Preview:

- The Priority of Parenting
- The Importance of Godly Parenting
- Raising Children in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord

Sermon:

- **Introduction:**
 - Numerous books, countless techniques for successful parents
 - Things that address sleep schedules and eating troubles
 - Self-love and self-esteem is often the go to remedy for a child's misbehavior
 - Feel good about expressing their sinful desires - will always produce out-of-control behavior
 - Lead to a generation of people seeking personal fulfillment in selfish desires
 - Although these things have their place they do not address the root of the hardship of parenting.
 - Parenting Pressures - Felt or Unfelt, Known or Unknown
 - **External Pressure** - from the World & Culture
 - There is a large opportunity for the culture and world to be the main influence in your child's life
 - Children Independence - lack of guidance, lack of protection, left to figure things out on their own

- Uncontrolled exposure to the evil of the world
- Busyness Producing Separation - school, school activities
- Technological Advances - childhood games are no longer the same, invention of games, just for fun, and expression of imagination
 - Adult games, not cost efficient, violent, isolation
 - Radio and television, now Internet and its' daughter its' spawned social media
 - Unprotected use of technology, due to ease of access, can result in dramatic results
 - The radio, television, and Internet does not distinguish between adults and children.
 - A proper ignorance once used to mark the progressive development of children, now there no longer is an innocence on certain issues.
- Many of these things and others bring major problems into the home.
 - Matters only get worse when children enter into their youth.
 - Addictions at youth ages is always on the rise
 - Not just to drugs and alcohol (I was taught alcohol was a drug)
 - Teen pregnancy runs rampant
 - Exposure to evil ideas oftentimes unbeknownst to the parents
 - Crime in schools is obviously on the rise.
- **Internal Pressure** - Our Children have a Fallen Human Nature
 - Many of these appeal to our children due to their sinful nature.
 - The movement, sounds, and colors are introduced at a young age in movies in a manner in which stimulates their young minds like a drug.
 - Josiah & Abby Wii story

- There is a lie, if we don't expose our children to them, they won't know how to handle them.
 - You don't feed the affection, put boundaries on the affection, once the boundary is no longer there a pursuance of that affection can become so detrimental.
 - You introduce proper affections and the godly affections, when these godly affections are development when exposed they will war with the ungodly affections. Moderation, balance, or forsaking time wasters will be your intended result.
- We need to understand our children are born messed up, they don't become messed up based upon our failure.
 - They don't come into the world seeking God, holiness, righteousness and go about to develop godly affections.
 - When we hear of mass shooting by children, oftentimes the question is raised when did his (by the way it usually always a "male") parent do, but rather the question ought to be, what didn't his parents do.
 - Psalm 58:3-4
 - Genesis 8:21
 - Eccl. 7:20
 - Romans 1:30, 3:10
 - Romans 5:11
 - Proverbs 22:15
 - Foolishness is already a part of our child's nature, it is bound in their hearts
- As parents it is godly for us to instruct, admonish, and discipline them that they learn to do what is right and reject fleshly impulse to do wrong.
- Everything we do as parents is to lead your children to the gospel and to the changing power of God's grace.
 - It ought to be our focus instead of self-love, godly charity in humility ought to be taught, meekness, gentleness, kindness, denying yourself - these are all Biblical principles

Pattern and Instruction for Godly Parenting

(Ephesians 6:1) Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well

with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

- Parenting is what God's word says it is.
- Here we find the expectation for children, that parents are to hold their children to. They are to "obey".
- Children are to obey both parents
 - Children are children unto the time appointed of the father and that relationship doesn't change until found worthy based upon the fathers discretion.
 - Husbands, fathers if your child, your youth are not obeying their mother that is your failure. Ruling the home involves your youth obeying both parents. Gravity is to be brought upon them, oftentimes is to failure for not upholding that earlier in their childhood, but can still be corrected.
 - Their mother is first and foremost your wife and if any encroach upon that she is to be protected, praised, esteemed and found worthy in your eyes for your child to be obeyed.
- Their obedience is for their good in all things.

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

- "and, ye fathers" - the father is the bedrock of the home
 - Many fail in this position because they are not equipped with the spiritual means to carry out what it means to be a father.
 - They do not understand God the Father and therefore catastrophic results ensue.
 - As I mentioned early, many of the boys that commit the schools shootings do not have father involvement.
 - Little involvement and guard and protect children and we a Christian fathers are called to a deep intimacy with our children.

Deut. 6:6-7

Teach

- God's holiness
- About their sin
- What Christ did for them
- About Faith in Christ

Ps. 127:3

Do no provoke to anger

- Don't be over protective
- Don't show favoritism
- Unrealistic Goals
- Don't allow Overindulgence
- Discourage them
- Failing to make sacrifices
- Faling to allow them to grow up
- By neglect
- Abusive Words
- Physical Abuse

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Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize

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