

L16 | Divine Institutions | Institution of Family Pt. 4 | Proverbs 22:6

I. Intro/Review:

- Introduction to Roles and Responsibilities
 - 2 Corinthians 12:14-15 - Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.
 - Children need to be laid up for (physically and spiritually) - honor and obey
 - Image bearers
 - Parents are to lay up for (physically and spiritually) - bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord
 - You are the image God uses for them to bear
 - Parents instead of being a parent will use their parenting for justification of their own behaviors
 - Well I do that so why can't they?
 - Maybe you should stop doing it then?

II. Preview:

- Bring Up - Train - Teach (of the Lord)
 - Nurture
 - Admonition
- How we teach
- What we teach

III. Sermon:

- **Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."**
 - **"train up"** - initiate, discipline, dedicate
 - Deut. 20:5 - "dedicated" - new house (individual)
 - 1 Kings 8:63 - "dedicated" - the house of the Lord
 - 2 Chr. 7:5 - "dedicated" - the house of the Lord
 - "dedicate" - some ceremony (consecrated, given wholly to
 - Your household and the vessels therein (dedicated)
 - *How do I dedicate? How do I train up?*
 - *Train up in what? What is the "way he should go?"*

- Ephesians 6:4 - "...but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
 - *How do I dedicate? How do I train up?*
 - "bring them up" - rear up to maturity, cherish and nourish
 - Eph. 5:29 - translated (nourisheth)
 - *Train up in what? What is the "way he should go?"*
 - "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
 - **Nurture** - that which nourishes, that which promotes growth; education; instruction
 - 2 Tim. 3:16 - "...instruction in righteousness:"
 - Heb. 12:5, 7-8 - "...the chastening of the Lord,"; "chastening - chastisement"
 - Instruction is information or knowledge not innately known
 - Knowledge of the Lord
 - Chastening nurtures the mind toward wisdom
 - **Admonition** - gentle reproof; counseling against a fault; caution; to warn
 - 1 Cor. 10:11 - "written for our admonition"
 - Titus 3:10 - "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;"
 - Not so much addressing the physical component of bringing up, but spiritually
 - Instruction, chastening, reproof, counsel, warning
 - Instruction and correction connected with love
 - **Pro. 3:12** - "For whom the LORD loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom He delighteth."
 - **Pro. 13:24** - "He that spareth his rod hateth his: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."
 - Instruct & Teach
 - Pro. 12:1 - "whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish."
 - Where do you start?
 - Pro. 1:7 - "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge:"
 - Were we made to know Him!
 - **Manner of our Instruction & Teaching**
 - The perfect environment of evangelism

- Responsibility given to parents - don't assume Sunday School or clubs will give your children all they need.
 - Multiple children, distractions (friends), prone to not pay attention
 - Lay up for your children in their spiritual growth which is of utmost importance
- The world often focuses on being a buddy or best friends, to make sure you go places with them, get involved in sports, do guy things or girl things with your son or daughter, make sure to compliment your daughter, notice how she dresses, make sure to show affection, have your date nights - list goes on.
 - At some level these things are good, but here is what so often happens
 - We trust on the experience and the moment to teach our children's hearts
 - We trust that the experience with teach my child to be thankful when oftentimes it can just spoil or entitle them
 - We take them to an event that magnifies the child and when you don't you don't love them
 - We can so focus on these things that they begin to drown out and as a weed in the garden of their heart choke out the fruit your trying to cultivate.
 - Your children don't need sports to teach them how to be a team player, they need to know Christ more - sacrifice, thinking of others, the body of Christ
 - Your children don't need all these memories they need words - events, experiences, moments are vain without words, knowledge, and understanding.
- **Diligently** - Deut. 6:1-9 (long-term assignment; need to be thorough - don't soften or abridge what you are giving; explain and illustrate; invite questions and feedback; need to discern misunderstanding; be clear, clarify if you need to and review hard parts)
 - Take advantage of the numerous opportunities there are each day to highlight the knowledge of the Lord.
- **Gentle & Patient** - 2 Tim. 2:24-25 - "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;"
 - You nor our children are born with the treasury of truth within us - needs to be learned, acknowledged, believed to reside therein
- **Exhort & Charge** - 1 The. 2:11 - "as ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, that

ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory."

- **Confidently & In Faith** - 1 The. 2:13 - "...not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

- You need to know the power of the Spirit's sword even in the young mind and heart
- Be unashamed - don't dismiss it - address questions of doubt humbly, but confidently
- Need to have some things settled

- Ignorant need knowledge, the careless need the judgment according to truth, the fearful need mercy, the sinner needs grace, the self-righteous need the knowledge of sin, the disquieted need comfort, the downcast need hope, the darkness needs light, the confused need certainty, etc - God provides all!

- **Content of Instruction & Teaching**

1. The LORD - Ps. 111:10; Job 28:28; Pro. 1:7, 9:10, 15:33

- Hab. 1:12-13 - {12} Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction. {13} Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?
- He is Holy (holy, holy, holy)
 - Want to cultivate the imaginations of your child - bring them not to vain imaginations, but into the holiness of God.
 - Isa. 6:1-10
 - Lev. 11:44-45
 - Jos. 24:19
 - 1 Sam. 2:2, 6:20
 - Ps. 11:4-7
 - Heb. 12:14
- He has no pleasure in wickedness
 - Ps. 5:4, 7:11
 - Ps. 1:5, 5:5
 - Ps. 24:3-4
- He is eternal
 - Isa. 57:15
 - Ps. 9:2, 93:2,

2. The Knowledge of Sin - Rom. 3:20

- Misbehavior isn't merely an offense against Dad & Mom but against God

- Educate your child's conscience (either be heightened or seared)
- Help them view their own fallenness from God's perspective
- Use the law
 1. Holy, just, and good (Rom. 7)
 2. Weak through the flesh (Rom. 8)
- All have sinned (Rom. 3:23)
- Wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23)
- Can do nothing in salvation (Rom. 3:20)

IV. Conclusion:

- Christ - Resurrection
- Wisdom - Chastening
- Obedience
- Marriage
- Control Lusts
- Watch Mouth
- Work Ethic