

# L17 | Divine Institutions | Institution of Family Pt. 5 | Eph. 6:1-4

## I. Intro/Review:

- The primary roles in laying up for our children is to train them up, that is, bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
  - Such nurture and admonition isn't our own - it is "of the Lord".
  - Thus we teach our children that which the Lord has revealed.
  - We are to teach our children about the Lord by our own conduct, but with words to frame their mind and hearts and not just about Him, but His will.
- How we teach is gently and meekly, instructing, charging, and exhorting them!
- What we teach them is about everything especially about God.
  - The world have given themselves over to lasciviousness and do not like to retain God in their knowledge to do those things not convenient.
  - We don't become idle in parenting letting our children to come to their own conclusions - they will do so as they grow up, but you are to develop that God-consciousness and God's instructions concerning all things.

## II. Preview:

- What do we teach them?
- How are children to live toward their parents?

## III. Sermon:

- What do we teach them?
  - We teach them truth?
  - We teach them to reason and think?
  - We teach them to make decisions and discern?
  - The Spirit of God teaches - we teach what the Spirit does (Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 2:13)
    - The call them to "remember" and "stir up"
  - The Grace of God teaches - Titus 2:11-15
- The Things of the Spirit that we are taught we are to teach our children
  - God & the Gospel
  - The Counsel of God before the World Began (Eph. 1)
  - Creation (Gen. 1-2)
  - Marriage (male and female)

- Sin & Death (Gen. 3, Rom. 5)
- Lusts and How to Control (Rom. 8; Col. 3)
- Christ - Resurrection (1 Cor. 15)
- Wisdom, Understanding, and Obedience
- Chastening
- Watch Mouth (Eph. 4; James 2)
- Work Ethic (Rom. 12:11)
- Discretion and Discernment (Heb. 5:12-14)
  
- We teach them where we came from not simply from our parents, but the bigger picture, where we are going, what is happening today and what we are to do until that future day.
  
- How are children to live toward their parents?
  - Parental authority is under attack and many counterfeits and competing authorities seek to indoctrinate, yet many parents are fighting for a system so they can continue to lead the same life as before. Of course, there are exceptions, but everyone tends to think they are the exception.
  - With all of this has come an evident and overt battle for minds of children.
  - God has given an institution for natural affection, protection, and care and although as any institution of God isn't perfect because of sin God kept allowed it even after sin.
  - Thus God calls children to "obey" and "honor"
    - Ephesians 6:1-3
      - Very displeasing to the Lord - if you cannot obey and honor your parents how will you obey the Lord.
        - Rom. 1:30 - disobedient to parents
        - 2 Tim. 3:1-5 - disobedient to parents
      - The appeals - "children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right"
        1. Natural - for this is right
        2. Grace - children obey your parents in the Lord
          - Grace strengthens that which is natural
        3. Law - honor thy father and mother
          - Promise indicates significance - not a promise today
      - **Obey** - to listen; to hearken (activity)
        - Words that give you something you don't know
        - Words that give you something to do
      - **Honor** - to fix value; to prize (attitude)
        - Value, love, cherish, spend time with, think about
        - Matt. 15:8 - "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me."
          - No just your words, but heart, your attitude

- Mar. 7:5-13 - "Corban" that is "a gift"
  - A tradition that allowed the growing child to not take care of his father or mother and to say his possessions were unto the Lord allowed children to not honor their father and mother.
  
- 1 Tim. 5:1-8, 16
  - "shew piety" - reverence (as unto God); the exercise of affections in obedience to the will
    - "worship" - Acts 17:23
    - Such submission shews a child's obedience unto God
  
  - "to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God."
    - To repay; to render, give back, perform
  
  - "relieve them"

#### IV. Conclusion: