

L15 | Divine Institutions | Institution of Family Pt. 3 | Proverbs 1:7-9

I. Intro/Review:

- Initial Observations, The Honor of Family, Reasons for Family, Intro to Roles and Responsibilities

II. Preview:

- **The Roles within Family**
 - Parents - Father & Mother
 - Children - Sons & Daughters
- **The Responsibilities in Roles**
 - **Parents** (Eph. 6:1-4; 1 The. 2:7-12) | "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
 - **Father** - exhort, comfort, charge
 - 1 Tim. 3:4-5 - "children in subjection with all gravity...rule his own house...take care of the church of God"
 - **Mother** - gentle, cherish (1 Tim. 2:15 - "continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety")
 - Help in 1 Tim. 3:4-5 - "children in subjection with all gravity...rule his own house...take care of the church of God"
 - Titus 2:4 - "love their husbands, to love their children"
 - **Children**
 - **Sons** - 1) learning from father to be a godly man, 2) looking to mother of what a godly woman is
 - **Daughters** - 1) learning from mother to be a godly woman, 2) looking to father of what a godly man is

III. Sermon:

- **The Roles within Family**
 - **Children**
 - The weaker vessel in this relationship - weaker physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.
 - 1. **Children you need to be laid up for**
 - **Physically**
 - 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."

- Food, water, clothing
- Proper habits, sleeping, hygiene

- At first children are dependent upon their parents for everything, then less as far as getting their own water and food (teach them it), but still upon housing, stock of food, clothes and warm.

- **Spiritually**
 - 1 Corinthians 13:11 - "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

 - **Speak, understand, and think**
 - Speaking
 - Goo-goo - gaa-gaa
 - Jestng, bravado

 - Understand
 - Who are you?
 - Where did you come from?
 - Where are you going?

 - Thinking
 - Who is this?
 - What should I do?
 - Think about everything

2. Children you are childish but are to become an adult

- Provide for your own and others
- Speak, understand, and think like a godly man and woman

- **Summary** - hence children need to honor and obey those God has given them as their parents

- **Parents**
 - The authority in the relationship - stronger physically, emotionally, intellectually, experimentally, and spiritually.

 - Image in which they will bear (Gen. 5:1-3)

1. Parents you are to lay up for your children

- **Physically**
 - Food, water, clothing
 - Teach them proper habits, sleeping, hygiene

- **Spiritually**

- Eph. 5:1-21 - Speak, understand, think as an adult filled with the Spirit
 - Speaking
 - Eph. 4:25 - put away lying, speak truth
 - Eph. 4:29 - put away corrupt communication, good to the use of edifying
 - Eph. 5:4 - put away foolish talking, jesting, rather give thanks
 - Eph. 5:12 - a shame to speak of the things they do in secret
 - Eph. 5:19 - speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
 - Understand
 - Led by "for" and "that" and "as" (reasons and purposes and likeness)
 - Eph. 4:25 - for we are members one of another
 - Eph. 4:28 - that he may have to give to him that needeth
 - Eph. 4:29 - that it may minister grace unto the hearers
 - Eph. 4:32 - even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.
 - Eph. 5:1 - as dear children
 - Eph. 5:5 - for this ye know, that no...hath
 - Eph. 5:6 - for because of these things cometh the wrath of God
 - Eph. 5:8 - for ye were sometimes darkness, but now
 - Eph. 5:17 - "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."
 - Thoughts
 - His thoughts from the Word of God produces understanding for word and deed.

2. Parents you are to be the adult that they become

- You are to think and know Christ, have His understanding, that you may speak and do like Him that your children can grow from Christ's image in you.
- Show how to provide for themselves, teach them to provide for others, and train them up in godliness.
- **Summary** - hence parents need to "bring up" and "train" (nurture and admonition) their children that God has blessed you with.

- **Responsibilities within Family**

- **Parents** - bring up/train in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (loving care and teaching)
 - Deut. 4:1, 9-10, 6:1, 7, 11:19
 - Pro. 22:6

- **Children** - obey and honor in the Lord - through honor and obedience you grow up
 - Eph. 6:1-3
 - Pro. 1:7-9
 - Heb. 12:5-8

IV. Conclusion:

- Details within each role
 - How do I love my child(ren)?
 - What do I teach them?
 - How do I teach them?
 - Why do I obey my parents?
 - How do I honor my parents?