

Who Are We Raising?

(Generation Lost or Generation Saved)

8.11.24

²² Now Eli was very old. He heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they were sleeping with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ²³ He said to them, “Why are you doing these things? I have heard about your evil actions from all these people. ²⁴ No, my sons, the news I hear the Lord’s people spreading is not good.

²⁶ By contrast, the boy Samuel grew in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.

3 sons.....

- I. The contrast in the kids.
 - A. Obedience
 - B. Legacy
- II. Why the difference?
 - A. Hannah was intentional. Eli was passive.
 - B. Hannah prayed. Eli assumed.

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- III. What can we do to raise a Samuel and not a Hophni and Phineas
(We are one generation away from ending our legacy of faith.)

--We can.....Love our spouse!

--We can.....Commit ourselves to discipleship

We can..... admit our failures

James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

We can.....Take their questions!

Acts 17: ¹⁰ As soon as it was night, the brothers and sisters sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. Upon arrival, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. ¹¹ The people here were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, since they received the word with eagerness and examined^[a] the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

The heart of discipleship today is explanation. -
JamesEmeryWhite

We can....Pay attention to their influencers.

Psalm 1:1 How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers!

² Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.

³ He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams^[a] that bears its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

Whatever he does prospers.

First: Devices are bringing out negativity

Second: Devices are fashioning distracted minds

Third: Devices are producing more anxiety

Fourth: Devices are Creating the Craze to Cancel Others

Fifth: Devices are depriving sleep

We can.....Balance grace and truth

John 4: ¹³ Jesus said, “Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. ¹⁴ But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well[□] of water springing up in him for eternal life.” ¹⁶ “Go call your husband,” he told her, “and come back here.”

¹⁷ “I don’t have a husband,” she answered.

“You have correctly said, ‘I don’t have a husband,’” Jesus said. ¹⁸ “For you’ve had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

Eph 6:4 Fathers, don’t stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

We can.....Hush when possible!

James 1: ¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, ²⁰ for human anger does not accomplish God’s righteousness.

We can.....Surround them with a faith community.

I Cor 12: ⁴ Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it.

We can.....Commit to serving the next generation through the local church

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Close:

Judges 2:10-12 (GNT)

¹⁰ That whole generation also died, and the next generation forgot the LORD and what he had done for Israel.