

THE NURTURE & ADMONITION OF
THE LRD (EPH 6:4) FTHRS DAY 2015

* >>>> TIME mag: "More c'ren will go to
sleep tonite in a fatherless home than
ever before in our nation's history."

>> Growing up—I was one of these c'ren
* My mom/dad were sprated fr while
* & even when my dad was around,
he wasn't really around

>>>> SADLY--many of us here know
exactly what I'm talking about

>>>> So whn I came to Christ at age of 22
* I swore before the Lord...

* Tht I was not gonna be like my dad

>>>> & so I began studying fathers in B

* The good ones AND the bad ones

* Trying to learn Gd's prin's fr how to
be a godly father

* A fther who would be a blessing to
his c'ren instd of a curse

>>>> Over the past 35 yrs—I've tried my
best to live up to these principles

>> & I've also tried to share thm with U --
especially every Fathers Day

>>>> I'm gonna try to do some more tdy

*“But I can only hit some high points

*SO—we’ve uploaded a bunch of my
* *previous Fathers Day msgs* online

*I urge U to go listen to them all

>>>>But bfore we begin—I want to say:

*Tht my msg tdy is not just fr fthrs

>>>>It’s also for U future fathers

*All U single yng men...who...one
day...are gonna be thrust into the
role of being a “dad”

*With less training abt how to do it
--thn U had to have--to get a
drivers license

*Urge U to pay attn now-& learn
ahead of time the prin’s involved
in being a good & blessed dad

>>>& my msg tdy is also fr us mothers

*Many of whom have no dad/
uninvolved dad in the home

*& so--U’re forced to be mom & dad

>& my msg tdy is also fr U future moms

*So tht-as U evaluate potential mates
re: hw they plan to fthr y’all’s c’rn

*& U bettr evaluate thm...

*U’ll knw wht to be looking for!

SAY: "So Lon—wht U're saying is tht the msg tdy is for everybody here

A: "**BINGO! U GOT IT! READY??**"

* I-Eph 6:4—"[SAY]Fathers—bring yur c'rn up in the nurture & the admonition of the Lrd"

A. Interesting—tht instd of using the Gk word for "parents"...**OR** "mothers"

- ✓ 1. The B specifically uses the Gk wrd here for "Fathers" [GK: "*pater*"]
2. Whch mns—tht whn it comes to raising c'ren...

*Evn tho Gd esteems the critical role that moms play...

*Gd explicitly calls "fathers" to take an active/primary/prsnal role in raising their c'ren

3. To be a players & not spectators

B. Frankly men—if there were only **ONE** principle tht I cld hammer into our brains ab fthring tdy--it'd be this one

* 1. Tht--being a good father demands everything we've got

2. Halfway participation simply won't cut it

✓ 3. If we're going to fulfill our duty to Gd&our c'rn-we gotta be 100% in
 ILLUSTR: LSTN: whn our c'ren were yng...

*Evry AM I woke up--I understood

*Tht my job tht day—above all else—
 was to raise our c'ren

*Tht it wasn't Brenda's job to do it
 while I stood on the sideline &
 threw "wiffle dust" on her

*It was my job...my duty...my sacred
respnsibility bfre the Lrd..to see to
 it tht those c'rn were brot up
 in "nurture & admo'n of Lrd"

*& tht I as their "father" was going
 to stand bfre living L.J one day

*& give the final acct fr hw our c'ren
 were raised—not Brenda!

APPL: So let me say to every man here:

*If & when Gd blesses U w/c'ren

*It's essential fr U to understand

*Tht the final acc'bility before J fr
 how they're brot up—is YOURS!

*& brthr-U better take this seriously

*Bec the Lord Jesus certainly does!!

SAY: So Lon-when B says to bring our c'rn up in "nurture/admonition of Lrd"...

*"What exactly does tht mean?"

*"Wht exctly am I supposed to do?"

A: Great Q—let's answr it—2 key wrds

II. 1st word = "NURTURE"

*A. "NURTURE" [Gk = "paideia"]

1. Mns: "instuction/teachng/learning"

*2. B says tht a fthr is to be "teaching" his c'ren God's truths frm W O G

*3. Dt 6:6—"& these wrds tht I commnd U this day shall be in yur heart--& U shall[SAY]teach thm to yur c'rn

4. This mns t'chnng our c'rn who Gd is

*His character/attributes/holiness

*Teaching thm who they are in comparison to Gd—tht they're sinners & they need salv & thn helping thm accept Chst

*Tchnng thm wht B says rght/wrng

*Tchnng thm hw to live in pwrofHS

*Teaching thm how to repent & confess sin to Gd & be cleansed

*T'chnng thm hw to pray by doing it with thm every night by bed

- * & how to admit whn wrong
- * How to ask fr frgiveness/forgive
- * Teaching thm abt sexual purity
w/their body/mind/mouth

5. It's yur job to lead fam'y dvotions

- * To make sure c'rn get to KQ/
Awana/yth grp/smmr camp
- * To volunteer in these ministries
- * To do Scrip memory w/c'ren
- * To cry out over yur c'ren's souls
in prayer everyday

SAY: "Wow this sounds exhausting!

A: IT IS!

* Nothing's more exhausting...than
raising c'rn right...in the nurture..

* Wch is why I said: Gotta be 100% in

ILST: Listen to me yng men—if U're not
prepared to be this kinda dad—& pay
this kinda price to raise yur c'ren--
then don't have 'em!!

* Lstn to me yng wmen—if the man
U're "ga-ga" over...isn't prepared
to be this kind of father...

** Thn U put yur "ga-ga" away...

* & go find a diff man who is!

*If U're *already* a father here tdy:

**Thn I exhort U to raise yur game

**Whn it comes to nurture of Lrd

[BUT REM—THERE WAS A 2nd WRD?]

III- 2nd word "ADMONITION"

*A. "ADMONITION" [Gk = "nouthesia"]

1. Mns: "reproof/warning/discipline"

2. B says tht a father is not only to be

"teaching" his c'ren Gd's truths

3. But also to be confronting thm...

when they disobey God's truths

4. &--if necessary—to be loving thm

enuf to discipline thm whn they

disobey God's truths

*Holdng thm act'ble fr their behav

*Teachng thm tht sin has conseq's

*Showng thm the impt'nce/value

blessing of obeying God

*B. Hb 12:7—"Fr wht child is thre whm
his father does not discipline?"

C. SADLY-this=not a rhetorical Q anymre

D. SADLY--lots of fthrs tdy arc either too
cowardly/lazy to discipline their c'rn

D.A child with no admshunt in their life

1. Will at best--grow up to be an ill-

mannered brat...

2. Or at worst..a danger to themselves
& everybody around them

* E. To let a child grow up w/out discipline
is to curse that child—while to
discipline tht child is to bless thm!

G. Prv 23:13-“Do not withhold discipline
* from yur child”

* 1. Prv 22:15-“Foolishness is bound up
* in the hrt of a child, but the rod
of discipline will drive it far from
him/her”

* 2. Prv 13:24-“He who spares the rod
hates his child, but he who loves
his child is [SAY] diligent to
discipline him.”

SAY: “Lon--I don't believe in spanking”

A: “Well OK—but GOD DOES!”

* 3. & REM: bib discipline—DONE
* PROPERLY--is not an act
of meanness—it's an act of love

* 4. Prov 3:12-“For whm the Lrd [SAY]
* loves, He disciplines, even as a
father the son in whm he delights

* H.SAY: “I don't blve a fthr has to prsnally

DO all the discipline in his home”

1. But I believe it's his respon'ty to set the guidelines fr tht discipline
2. Thn to make sure those guidelines are consistently carried out

K. BEST RESOURCE=James Dobson's

* **Dare to Discipline**

1. B&I read it together
2. We agreed on its philosophy tgther
3. Then we carried it out together
4. Strongly recommend read/do it

L. SO--Yng men—if U're not gonna be courageous enuf to discipline yur c'ren—thn be courageous enuf not to have 'em

* **Yng wmn**—read Dare to Discipline & make sure U & man agreed

* **If U're already a father here tdy:**

**I urge U to read this book

**& thn fulfill yur bib'l respon'ty

SAY: “But I want my c'ren to be my friend”

A: Listen—yur c'ren hve lots of “friends”

* **But they only has one “father”**

*U be yur c'ren's father now

*& U'll be their frnd whn thy grw up

*blank
AND that's what they need you to be

II.: One of rules in our home growing up
 = we chew with mouth shut at the table

*So I wld give my sons one warning
 thy'd hve to leave the dinner table
 for 1 minute--thn they cld return

*Whn did returned—if they did it
 again—dinner was over for thm

*My middle son Justin had a real
 struggle with this

**Bec his mouth was always open

**Bec he was always talking!

*So fr a number of yrs—he wld fail
to complete several dinners a wk

*But tdy—he chews w/mouth shut!

SAY: “Yea—bec U made him obsessive

A: “No I didn't!! I taught him manners!!

*& tht was part of my job as his fthr

*& oh by the way—he & I are the best
 of frnds—we talk virtually evryday

CONCLUSION

>>> Fathers—bring yur c'rn up in the
 nurture & the admonition of the Lrd”

>So tht (Col 1:10)“they may walk worthy
 of the Lrd, fully pleasing Hm, & being
 fruitful in every good work”