

Family Farm

Pt.3 – Faith, Commitment and Honor

Gal. 6:7 “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.
⁸The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Principle: What I plant is what grows.

Seeds I Should Plant in My Family:

Faith

How to plant faith:

1. Be a life-long follower of Jesus.

Acts 16:29 “Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰And he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ ³¹So they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ ³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.”

2. Talk about faith.

Deut. 4:9 “Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.”

3. Model my faith.

Principle: I get what I demonstrate.

4. Pray with my family.

5. Make church a priority.

Commitment: a life-long decision.

Josh. 24:14 “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshipped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Commitment is not words I say; it's a life I live.

Principle: I get what I tolerate.

How to plant commitment:

Have a “no matter what” mentality.

Commitment is not a matter of conditions, but a choice.

Abandon all other options.

When I plant seeds of commitment, I reap a harvest of:

1. Security
2. Endurance

Honor

Honor decides:

1. You matter.
2. I love you for who you are.
3. I choose to put you first.
4. What you need is more important than what I want.

Principle: I get what I initiate.

Eph. 5:22 “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that

she should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself... ³³Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. ^{6:1}Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²'Honor your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with promise: ³'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'⁴And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

How to plant honor:

1. Listen

2. Affirm

Principle: I get what I celebrate.

If I plant honor, the harvest is Honor and respect!