



HIS DESIGN | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 | WEEK 10

## Lesson: **RAISING CHILDREN**

*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.* GENESIS 2:24

**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.* EPHESIANS 6:4

### **1. A particular call to** \_\_\_\_\_

*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.* EXODUS 20:12

*My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:* PROVERBS 1:8

A. Often fathers neglect their \_\_\_\_\_ responsibilities

B. Fathers have the responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ in the home

**Quote:** "When Paul speaks to the fathers, he is speaking to the mothers. The reason that he addresses the fathers is that what the mothers do, the fathers are responsible for. In addressing the father, he is addressing the one in whom God has vested His authority for discipline. The father is the head of the home. The father is the one who ultimately must answer to God for what happens in the home." **Jay Adams**

*One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.*  
1 TIMOTHY 3:4-5,12

*Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.* PROVERBS 31:28

## 2. A clear \_\_\_\_\_ stated

*Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.* PROVERBS 22:15

*The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.* PROVERBS 29:15

### A. To know and \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*  
MATTHEW 28:19

### B. To be real \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ

*Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.* JAMES 1:21-25

### C. To \_\_\_\_\_ it on their own someday

## 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ is set forth

## A. We must avoid \_\_\_\_\_ our children to wrath

*Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.* COLOSSIANS 3:21

i. We must not expect more of them than they are capable of giving or doing

*For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.* ROMANS 12:3

ii. We need to be careful about the way we correct our children

*A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.* PROVERBS 15:1

iii. We must practice what we preach

*Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.* PHILIPPIANS 4:9

iv. We ought to fill the minds of our children with proper values and standards by principle and personal example

*But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.* 1 SAMUEL 16:7

v. We should seek to have fun with our children

*A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;* ECCLESIASTES 3:4

*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.* PROVERBS 17:22

vi. We should freely communicate love and appreciation to our children

*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.* JOHN 13:34-35

vii. We need to allow them to fail

*And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 1 PETER 4:8*

viii. We should make our expectations, rules, and regulations known to our children

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. PROVERBS 22:6*

ix. We need to admit when we are wrong

*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. JAMES 5:16*

x. We need to make it easy for them to come to us about anything

*Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: JAMES 1:19*

B. We must bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Lord

*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. JOSHUA 1:8*

C. We must bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Lord

*Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. PROVERBS 22:15*

i. Clear boundaries and limits need to be set

*The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. PROVERBS 29:15*

ii. Avoid the danger of unannounced rules

iii. Make sure the children understand your rules and regulations

iv. Do not give your children too many rules

v. Avoid making hard and fast rules about trivial things

vi. Do not make rules that your children cannot keep

vii. Beware of constantly moving the boundaries or changing the rules and regulations

viii. Do not fall into the practice of making arbitrary rules

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)*  
EPHESIANS 6:1-2

ix. Seek to establish your rules and regulations on biblical principles

x. Remember that rules and regulations are for the good of your children

xi. Do not make rules which you know you cannot enforce

xii. Whenever possible, not only tell them what you expect, but show them

xiii. Impart the idea that you expect immediate obedience

xiv. When the rules are broken, administer the necessary correction

*He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.* PROVERBS 13:24

*Let all your things be done with charity.* 1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Discussion Questions:

1. What are some character traits you desire to develop in your children?

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2. What family goals would you like to set for 2019?

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3. How can your family minister more effectively through the church?

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4. What can you do to develop stronger family relationships?

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5. When will you spend time together as a family each week?

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