

HOW TO BE A FATHER GOD'S WAY

June 21, 2015

Proverbs 22:6

"**TRAIN** (*discipline, dedicate, initiate*) UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT."

The spiritual, emotional, psychological and genetic relationship between parent and child is invisible, more binding than we can comprehend, undiminished with time or space, and is in the natural, unbreakable.

How careful, diligent and wise the parent must be to guard and wisely invest into that parental bond.

FOUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FATHER

LEAD

THE COURSE OF YOUR LIFE AND THE MOTIVE FOR EVERY DECISION MUST BE UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR NOT ONLY IN WORD BUT IN ACTION.

Joshua 24:15

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD."

LEADING IS:

- *more action than articulation*
- *more what you are than what you do*
- *you are what you are in private, not in public*
- *your children will be what you are far more than what you say*
- *your children see, hear and understand far more than you think*

Ephesians 5:23

23 FOR THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE, EVEN AS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH: AND HE IS THE SAVIOUR (*soter - savior, deliverer, preserver*) OF THE BODY.

THE FATHER CUTS THE PATH, ABSORBS THE ATTACKS, PUSHES BACK THE ADVERSITY, OPENS THE WAY AND GENERATES THE MOMENTUM FOR HIS FAMILY TO FOLLOW.

1 Corinthians 7:12-14

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

14 **FOR THE UNBELIEVING HUSBAND IS SANCTIFIED (to separate, purify) BY THE WIFE, AND THE UNBELIEVING WIFE IS SANCTIFIED (to separate, purify) BY THE HUSBAND: ELSE WERE YOUR CHILDREN UNCLEAN; BUT NOW ARE THEY HOLY.**

WHAT MAKES A STRONG SPIRITUAL LEADER:

- **SET COURSE** - *divided loyalties, double-mindedness, and hypocrisy render the leader indecisive and impotent with no conviction*
- **BIBLICALLY SOUND** - *only when the Word of God is the Source of all wisdom and the Rule of all conduct will your family be safe, strong and stable*
- **MORALLY PURE** - *secret sins pollute, corrupt and destroy from within all spiritual health, soundness and goodness*
- **CONSCIENCE CLEAR** - *when you have a guilty conscience, you are doubtful and afraid, having no confidence that God is with you or for you*

John 13:4–17

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, **WHAT I DO THOU KNOWEST NOT NOW; BUT THOU SHALT KNOW HEREAFTER.**

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, **KNOW YE WHAT I HAVE DONE TO YOU?**

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 **IF I THEN, YOUR LORD AND MASTER, HAVE WASHED YOUR FEET; YE ALSO OUGHT TO WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET.**

15 **FOR I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD DO AS I HAVE DONE TO YOU.**

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **THE SERVANT IS NOT GREATER THAN HIS LORD; NEITHER HE THAT IS SENT GREATER THAN HE THAT SENT HIM.**

17 **IF YE KNOW THESE THINGS, HAPPY ARE YE IF YE DO THEM.**

Dictatorship is not leadership. A dictator is nothing more than a selfish bully. A true leader serves those who follow, willing to pay any price for their good.

A true leader never has to coerce others to follow. If your example doesn't inspire others to imitate, then you're not a leader. There is an irresistible draw of admiration and respect for the example of a true leader.

TEACH

Teach your children the covenant and doctrine of God.

Psalm 78:2–7

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

3 Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us.

4 WE WILL NOT HIDE THEM FROM THEIR CHILDREN, SHEWING TO THE GENERATION TO COME THE PRAISES OF THE LORD, AND HIS STRENGTH, AND HIS WONDERFUL WORKS THAT HE HATH DONE.

5 FOR HE ESTABLISHED A TESTIMONY IN JACOB, AND APPOINTED A LAW IN ISRAEL, WHICH HE COMMANDED OUR FATHERS, THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE THEM KNOWN TO THEIR CHILDREN:

6 THAT THE GENERATION TO COME MIGHT KNOW THEM, EVEN THE CHILDREN WHICH SHOULD BE BORN; WHO SHOULD ARISE AND DECLARE THEM TO THEIR CHILDREN:

7 THAT THEY MIGHT SET THEIR HOPE IN GOD, AND NOT FORGET THE WORKS OF GOD, BUT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS:

Teach your children your personal testimony and walk with God.

Deuteronomy 4:9–10

9 ONLY TAKE HEED TO THYSELF, AND KEEP THY SOUL DILIGENTLY, LEST THOU FORGET THE THINGS WHICH THINE EYES HAVE SEEN, AND LEST THEY DEPART FROM THY HEART ALL THE DAYS OF THY LIFE: BUT TEACH THEM THY SONS, AND THY SONS' SONS;

10 SPECIALLY THE DAY THAT THOU STOODEST BEFORE THE LORD THY GOD IN HOREB, WHEN THE LORD SAID UNTO ME, GATHER ME THE PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND I WILL MAKE THEM HEAR MY WORDS, THAT THEY MAY LEARN TO FEAR ME ALL THE DAYS THAT THEY SHALL LIVE UPON THE EARTH, AND THAT THEY MAY TEACH THEIR CHILDREN.

Teach your children how God's word applies to everyday life.

Deuteronomy 6:5–9

5 **AND THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THINE HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIGHT.**

6 **AND THESE WORDS, WHICH I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY, SHALL BE IN THINE HEART:**

7 AND THOU SHALT TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY UNTO THY CHILDREN, AND SHALT TALK OF THEM WHEN THOU SITTEST IN THINE HOUSE, AND WHEN THOU WALLEST BY THE WAY, AND WHEN THOU LIEST DOWN, AND WHEN THOU RISEST UP.

8 AND THOU SHALT BIND THEM FOR A SIGN UPON THINE HAND, AND THEY SHALL BE AS FRONTLETS BETWEEN THINE EYES.

9 AND THOU SHALT WRITE THEM UPON THE POSTS OF THY HOUSE, AND ON THY GATES.

GOD'S WORD IS THE GREATEST WEALTH, TREASURE AND GIFT YOU COULD EVER GIVE.

2 Timothy 3:13-17

13 BUT EVIL MEN AND SEDUCERS SHALL WAX WORSE AND WORSE, DECEIVING, AND BEING DECEIVED.

14 BUT CONTINUE THOU IN THE THINGS WHICH THOU HAST LEARNED AND HAST BEEN ASSURED OF, KNOWING OF WHOM THOU HAST LEARNED THEM;

15 AND THAT FROM A CHILD THOU HAST KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE THEE WISE UNTO SALVATION THROUGH FAITH WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS.

16 ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS:

17 THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS.

DISCIPLINE

THE PURPOSE OF DISCIPLINE IS TO TEACH SUBMISSION BY THE BREAKING OF SELF-WILL.

IF THE CHILD NEVER LEARNS HOW TO SUBMIT TO THE PARENT, YOU HAVE RETARDED AND CRIPPLED THEM FOR SUBMISSION TO GOD.

IF YOUR CHILD'S SELF-WILL IS STILL INTACT BY THE TIME HE BECOMES AN ADULT, YOU HAVE FAILED AS A PARENT.

Proverbs 22:15

"FOOLISHNESS (*folly, silliness*) IS BOUND IN THE HEART OF A CHILD; BUT THE ROD OF CORRECTION SHALL DRIVE IT FAR FROM HIM."

Proverbs 23:13

"WITHHOLD NOT CORRECTION FROM THE CHILD: FOR IF THOU BEATEST HIM WITH THE ROD, HE SHALL NOT DIE."

Proverbs 29:15

"THE ROD AND REPROOF GIVE WISDOM: BUT A CHILD LEFT TO HIMSELF BRINGETH HIS MOTHER TO SHAME."

Proverbs 13:24

"HE THAT SPARETH HIS ROD HATETH HIS SON: BUT HE THAT LOVETH HIM CHASTENETH HIM BETIMES."

Proverbs 19:18

"CHASTEN THY SON WHILE THERE IS HOPE, AND LET NOT THY SOUL SPARE FOR HIS CRYING."

Genesis 18:17–19

17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 **FOR I KNOW HIM, THAT HE WILL COMMAND** *(to give orders, to lay charge)* **HIS CHILDREN AND HIS HOUSEHOLD AFTER HIM, AND THEY SHALL KEEP THE WAY OF THE LORD, TO DO JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT**; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Hebrews 12:7–11

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; **FOR WHAT SON IS HE WHOM THE FATHER CHASTENETH NOT?**

8 **BUT IF YE BE WITHOUT CHASTISEMENT, WHEREOF ALL ARE PARTAKERS, THEN ARE YE BASTARDS, AND NOT SONS.**

9 **FURTHERMORE WE HAVE HAD FATHERS OF OUR FLESH WHICH CORRECTED US, AND WE GAVE THEM REVERENCE: SHALL WE NOT MUCH RATHER BE IN SUBJECTION UNTO THE FATHER OF SPIRITS, AND LIVE?**

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 **NOW NO CHASTENING FOR THE PRESENT SEEMETH TO BE JOYOUS, BUT GRIEVOUS: NEVERTHELESS AFTERWARD IT YIELDETH THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO THEM WHICH ARE EXERCISED THEREBY.**

1 Timothy 3:2–5

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

4 **ONE THAT RULETH WELL HIS OWN HOUSE, HAVING HIS CHILDREN IN SUBJECTION WITH ALL GRAVITY;**

5 **(FOR IF A MAN KNOW NOT HOW TO RULE HIS OWN HOUSE, HOW SHALL HE TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD?)**

DO NOT PROVOKE YOUR CHILDREN

Colossians 3:21

"**FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO ANGER, LEST THEY BE DISCOURAGED.**"

Ephesians 6:4

"AND, YE FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO WRATH: BUT BRING THEM UP IN THE NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD."