



Attention! Parents Sunday May 30, 2010

Parenting is among the most challenging assignments one can take on.

Want to share one very important aspect of parenting that God has given for us in His Word. This is not a complete thorough lesson on parenting, rather our desire to bring to our attention just one of the important objectives in parenting.

Godly Offspring

When a couple gets married, God is looking not only for their union, He is also looking for something else:

Malachi 2:14,15

**14 Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant.
15 But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring.**

Malachi 2:14,15 (Message Bible)

14 Do you know why? Simple. Because GOD was there as a witness when you spoke your marriage vows to your young bride, and now you've broken those vows, broken the faith-bond with your vowed companion, your covenant wife.

15 GOD, not you, made marriage. His Spirit inhabits even the smallest details of marriage. And what does he want from marriage? Children of God, that's what. So guard the spirit of marriage within you. Don't cheat on your spouse.

God is looking for godly offspring.

Commend single parents who are able to raise up godly offspring – for even though you may not have enjoyed the companionship of a marriage, you have still satisfied the longing of God's heart in marriage, which is to see godly offspring.

Abraham, the friend of God

Genesis 18:17-19

**17 And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,
18 since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?**

19 For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

God was expecting something from Abraham. God expected Abraham to direct his children and all his household in the way of the Lord and in the parts of righteousness and justice. This would then lead to Abraham receiving the fulfillment of the promises of God.

I believe that as parents if we will do what God has required us to do, we will see the blessing, prosperity and fulfilled promises of God in our lives.



Attention Parents! The Parenting Mandate

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

As parents we have the responsibility to love God ourselves, have a rich deposit of His word in our hearts...and then teach them diligently to our children.

At all places : in your house and outside

At all times : rising up, sleeping

Be conscious of God's Word in all your DOING, THINKING, SEEING, and GOING.

(dwell on the above passage)

1, Teach by example

Children see through our pretensions. They want to see a consistent life at church and at home.

2, Teach on purpose

Develop the "discipline" of praying, discussing God's Word, etc.

Do it in an interesting and positive way.

3, Invite the Holy Spirit

Isaiah 54:13 All your children shall be taught by the LORD, And great shall be the peace of your children.

Isaiah 59:21 "As for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

A word to young people

One day you will get married and establish a home and a family and bring up children.

This is the time you learn to love God with all your heart and also learn to have a rich deposit of His Word in your heart.



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