

Youth Bible Study Lesson 24

We saw last week that children are born physically and spiritually corrupt. Young women need to be taught the sound doctrine of God's word to have the right perspective of their children and the right direction to meet their needs.

From Dr. Spock to Dr. Phil you won't find God's wisdom when it comes to loving your children and meeting both their physical and spiritual needs.

We know that the gospel is God's answer to our children's need to be saved. This is the most important need of all!

Matt. 16:26 "For what is a man _____, if he shall _____ the whole _____ and _____ his own _____? Or what shall a man give in _____ for his _____?"

Having God's wisdom on the subject of loving our children should direct all our activity concerning our children.

Now we are going to take a look at what God says to parents in the dispensation of grace regarding what He desires when it comes to their children.

Look at I Tim. 3:4, in giving qualifications for a bishop (elder, overseer in the church) Paul says, "One that _____ well his own house, having his _____ in _____ with all _____;"

Titus 1:6 speaking again of elders "If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having _____ children..."

In Eph. 6:1 children are instructed to _____ their parents.

In I Thess. 2:11 Paul says that he _____ and _____ and _____ them just as a _____ doth his _____.

Col. 3:20 "_____, obey your _____ in all things: for this is well _____ unto the Lord."

From all these verses we can conclude that God wants our children to be obedient, in subjection to the authority of their parents.

Does this come naturally to children? Not any of the children I know. Remember, children are sinners. Possessed with only an old Adamic nature. So what's a loving parent to do?

I'll resist the temptation to go to Israel's program for child raising. Maybe not.

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In Israel's program under the law, the following was commanded. (Deut. 21:18-21 "If a man have a _____ and _____ son, which will not _____ the voice of his _____, or the voice of his _____, and that, when they have _____ him, will not hearken unto them: vs. 20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious... vs. 21 And all the men of his city shall _____ him with _____, that he _____:..."

As tempting as this may have sounded on occasion, I realize that this is not instruction for the body of Christ.

Under the law program given to Israel, God was purifying a nation unto Himself. Rebellious children would work against the purposes of God.

This is not instruction for believers living today under the authority of Paul in the dispensation of grace. (What do believers do with instruction such as this who do not believe II Tim. 2:15 where God tells us to rightly divide His word?) Those believers who go to Israel's program for their forgiveness program, blessings, curses, promises, etc. don't follow this admonition in Deut. I know I haven't heard of any stonings lately of rebellious children.

The doctrines of grace are our source of instruction today. And in grace we have according to Gal. 5:1 "Stand fast therefore in the _____ wherewith Christ has made us _____, and be not entangled again with he yoke of _____." (the law) The glorious liberty of grace sets us free to make decisions guided by the word of God to us.

If our aim with our children is to have them be obedient and in subjection to us, what will accomplish that? It's really up to you. For some, a simple look or a verbal correction will get the job done. For others, a more stern or severe measure may be needed. If a mother is taught to love her children from God's vantage point, she will do whatever is needed to accomplish God's desire of obedient children.

Overlooking, pacifying, placating, and ignoring rebellious behavior is not what a godly loving mother will do! Why? Because it will not accomplish God's will and will actually encourage the opposite.

Our instruction should always be carried out in _____, II Tim. 2:25, and in the _____ and _____ of the Lord, Eph. 6:5. There is no place for heavy handed, angry, hateful treatment of our children. There should always be the spirit of _____, as a nurse _____ her _____, I Thess. 2:7. It is possible to be gentle and meek while administering a good correction of any form.

Understanding the physical needs of our children should also bring about loving care. Our bodies are in the bondage of _____, Rom. 8:21 and our bodies _____ within ourselves, Rom. 8:23. The physical bodies of our children are in need of protection and care.

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A godly loving mother will attend to these needs all the while focusing her children's attention to the things that are not _____ in II Cor. 4:18. Filling them with the hope that we have a _____ of God, an _____ not made with _____, _____ in the heavens, II

Cor. 5:1.

The Bible is replete with examples of disobedient children. Some godly and ungodly parents have known the heartache of rebellious children. Our instruction is just to love them; which is to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Lesson 24 Answers and Comments

Eph. 6:5 should be Eph. 6:4

Profited father
Gain mother
World chastened
Lose stone
Soul stones
Exchange die
Soul liberty
Ruleth free
Children bondage
Subjection meekness
Gravity nurture
Faithful admonition
Obey gentleness
Exhausted cherisheth
Comforted corruption
Charged groan
Father not
Children building
Children house
Parents hands
Pleasing eternal
Stubborn
Rebellious
Obey

Young people are you learning these wonderful truths? Are you laying them up in your heart so that they can direct your life? I pray this for you and covet your prayers for myself.

Some of you are new to our studies. We welcome your participation. Questions or comments are always welcome. We also use the 1611 King James Version for our studies. Please feel free to let your friends know of this study, we will be glad to add them to the list.