

## The Father in the Home

### The Christian Home - Pt.5

#### Int.

1. Aim: To discuss some of the responsibilities of the father in the home.
2. Eph. 6:4 "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
3. Word Father
  - a. Means - "A male parent"
  - b. Abba - intimate term for father
  - c. Marriage before Fatherhood
4. The Father was the central figure of the family in O. T. Times.
  - a. His authority was never questioned
  - b. All family authority was vested in him.
  - c. The family was a close-knit group in which they acted with the father's direction and guidance.
5. Father's - Eph. 6:2 We have talked about the Home:
  - a. Part # 1 A Happy home
  - b. Part # 2 The Husband in the Home
  - c. Part # 3 The Wife in the Home
  - d. Part # 4 The Mother in the Home
6. This lesson is about the "The Father in the Home"
7. Acrostic with the word FATHER.

## Discussion

### I. F = Faithful to Their Mother

#### A. Scriptures

1. Matthew 19:5-6
2. Leave father and mother - Cleave to "his wife" not another woman
3. God's way for happiness in the family is for a man and woman to raise their children

#### B. The Best gift a father could give to his children is to love their mother and be faithful to her all their days.

1. You cannot be a good father and an unfaithful husband.
2. It is impossible to be a faithful father and a faithless husband
3. If a man is to be the right kind of Father he must care for the woman who brought the children into the world, his wife.
4. If a man is unfaithful to his wife, he may deceive the children for a while but the day will come when they discover that daddy does not love their mother. The children will never again have the same feeling or the deep respect for their father which they once had.
5. A man cannot love his children and mistreat their mother.

#### C. A Real father remembers his marriage vows.

1. He promised to be true to her - to keep himself for her and her only until death
2. If he attempts to divide love between her and other women it is not real love.
3. if a man violates his marriage vows then he cannot be a real father to his children.

D. I John 5:1 NKJV "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him."

1. If we love God - then we must love those begotten of God - fellow Christians.
2. Love for God demands love for all Christians. Love for Christians demands love for God.
3. We cannot love God and hate his children.
4. The same principle applies in the home.
5. A man who loves his wife will love the children begotten in that marriage.
6. A man who loves his children will love the mother that gave birth to them.

E. Real fathers and faithful husbands are going to merge together in the Father of the House to make for a happy home.

## II. ADMONITION of the Lord

### A. Scriptures

1. Eph. 6:4 "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."
2. Admonition - putting in mind - calling attention to
3. Instruction and warning - rebuke
4. Point out the things that are wrong and warn

### B. Admonition of the Lord

1. A father has a responsibility to train their children to go in the right way
2. Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child.

- a. Pro. 22:15 " Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him."
  - b. Pro. 29:15 "The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."
3. Children are imperfect and it is our job to train them to live as the Lord desires
  4. Admonish
    - a. We must warn them when they go astray
    - b. That means we must know right from wrong
    - c. We must have enough love that we will admonish our children
    - d. Exhort to do right and abstain from all evil and sin
  5. Our children do not always appreciate our admonition, but that does not eliminate our obligation to admonish them.

### III. TEACH

#### A. Scriptures

1. II Tim. 3:15 - know scriptures from a child "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."
2. Isa. 54:13 "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children."
3. Pro. 4:1 "Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding;"

## B. Abraham

1. Gen. 18:19 - God knew he would teach his children
2. Command his children
3. Keep the way of the Lord
4. To do justice and judgment

## C. Moses

1. Deut. 4:9-10 "That they may teach their children."
2. Teach them thy sons and thy sons' sons = grandchildren
3. Deut. 6:4-7 - teach them diligently unto thy children

## D. Fathers will teach their children about God and how to obey Him

1. Church and how to live
2. Bible and how to apply it to our lives
3. Jer. 3:4 "My father, thou art the guide of my youth?"

## IV. HONOUR thy Father

### A. Scriptures

1. Eph. 6:1-3 - "Honour thy father and mother;" v. 2
2. Ex. 20:12 Deut. 5:16 - Ten Commandments
3. Honour = value, esteem, regard as precious, respect.

B. Mal. 1:6 "A son honoureth his father,"

1. A son honoureth his father
2. If then I be a father, where is mine honour?

C. Even when parents become aged and helpless they are still to be honored and cherished

1. Isaac was old and blind - he was cared for and honored as the head of the clan -  
*Gen. 27:1-40*
2. Joseph had deep concern for his aged Father Jacob who was living in the Land of Canaan during the famine - *Gen. 43:27*
3. Jesus cared for his mother at the time of his death - *Jn 19:26-27*

D. Always honour

1. God's law of honoring our father is in force as long as they live
2. Then after their death we should honour their memory

## V. ENCOURAGE

A. Scriptures

1. I Thes. 2:11-12 "As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, 12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."
2. Col. 3:21 "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged."

## B. Children sometimes get discouraged

1. We as fathers must encourage them to go forward always doing right
2. Gal. 6:9 - weary in well doing
3. Teach them how to Flee youthful lusts - II Tim. 2:22
  - a. Follow Righteousness
  - b. Pure heart

## C. Fathers have an opportunity to encourage and exhort

1. Words fitly spoken - Pro. 25:11 "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."
2. When they do good - succeed - then praise them
3. Sometimes we need to apologize for our mistakes
4. Text - Col. 3:21 "lest they be discouraged"
  - a. Disheartened - spiritless - dismayed
  - b. Dispirited

## VI. RESTRAIN

### A. Scriptures

1. Pro. 3:12 NKJV "For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights."
2. Pro. 6:20 "My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother."
3. Pro. 29:15 "The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."

## B. A lack of restraint causes an unhappy family

1. Eli - I Sam. 2
2. Eli was a good man himself and did a good job of training Samuel - but he was permissive with his own sons
3. Hophni & Phinehas - were priests
  - a. I Sam. 2:12 - sons of belial
  - b. Committed grievous sins
  - c. Turned tabernacle area into a camp of immorality
  - d. Committed adultery - I Sam. 2:22
4. Eli was condemned
  - a. I Sam. 3:13 - he restrained them not
  - b. Eli did not rebuke his boys - He was too permissive
  - c. Restrained - means he did not frown upon
  - d. He did not make any real effort to curb his boys from evil.<sup>1</sup>
5. Eli's Death
  - a. His sons went into battle with the Phillistines
  - b. They took the Ark of the Covenant with them into Battle
  - c. Eli was back at Shiloh - he was blind
  - d. I Sam. 4:13 His heart trembled for the Ark of God
  - e. Messengers came and announced the news - I Sam. 4:17 - Sons dead — Ark of God taken
  - f. He fell off the seat backward and broke his neck and died - I Sam. 4:18

6. A lack of discipline and restraint will bring sorrow and heartache and shame to the father of the children -

- a. Pro. 29:15 "The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."
- b. Prov. 29:17 "Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul."

C. A father who loves his children will discipline and restrain them.

1. Some modern day psychologists teach us that we must let the children express themselves
2. They say discipline may warp their characters - False !
3. Pro. 13:24 "He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly."
4. Heb. 12:6 "For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."
5. If we truly love our children we will discipline them.
6. The absence of discipline is hatred!!

D. Children want Discipline

1. A teenage girl said to a girl friend, "I must go home or I'll be punished for staying out too late."
2. The other girl replied, "How lucky you are. My parents don't care what I do. I'd give anything if they cared enough about me to punish me sometimes."

E. Discipline is a special kind of love, when practiced by God's regulations.

## CONCLUSION

1. A Father
  - a. Faithful - to their mother
  - b. Admonish - his children
  - c. Teach - the children about God
  - d. Honor - children should honor
  - e. Encourage- exhort and encourage
  - f. Restrain - restraint is necessary
2. What is a Father?
  - a. A father is more than one who has begotten a child. Some refuse to accept the responsibility of rearing the children.
  - b. A father is one who makes loving provision for his child.
  - c. A father is one who in love trains his child
  - d. A father is one who prepares his child to look to the future with assurance.
  - e. A father is one who guides his child's soul to heaven.
  - f. A father is one who is not perfect but is going in that direction.
3. Eph. 6:1-4