



Ladies' Session #1

Wednesday, June 5, 10:15 a.m.

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“RESTORING THE FOUNDATION OF PARENTING”

Grief or Gladness

*I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.
3 John 1:4*

“When a man’s heart is really right with God and he, himself, has been saved from the wrath to come and is living in the light of his heavenly Father’s countenance, it is certain that he is anxious about his children’s souls, prizes their immortal natures, and feels that nothing could give him greater joy than to hear that his children walk in the Truth of God.

Better were it that they had never been born! Better that they had perished like untimely fruit, than that they should live to dishonor their father’s God and their mother’s Savior” ~C.H. Spurgeon

Delight in My Ways

*Give me your heart, my son, And let your eyes delight in my ways.
Proverbs 23:26*

A Father’s Instruction

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| -choosing friends | -doing good | -riches |
| -avoiding immorality | -speech | -peer pressure |
| -financial matters | -integrity | -conformity to society |
| -work ethic | -alcoholism | -folly |
| -raising children | -knowing God’s will | |
| -marriage relationships | -governing over others | |

The Foundation

Deuteronomy 5:16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Ephesians 6:2-3 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

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“RESTORING THE FOUNDATION OF PARENTING” continued

The Fifth Commandment is God’s Will

1. Universal
2. Unconditional
3. Eternal
4. Enduring

The Fifth Commandment is Unique

1. Placement
2. Specific
3. Responsibility
4. Promise

The Fifth Commandment is NOT to be Broken!

1. God put a curse on those who disobey this commandment.
Deuteronomy 27:11, 16 Moses also charged the people on that day, saying, . . .
(he begins a list of things God curses. The first is making idols.
The second is . . .)
'Cursed is he who dishonors his father or mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'
2. God said to disobey is worthy of death.
There are 16 things in the law that required the death penalty.
They include . . .
Exodus 21:15 "He who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
Exodus 21:17 "He who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
Proverbs 20:20; Proverbs 30:11-14, 17; Matthew 15:4
3. God labels the one who dishonors his father or mother ‘a fool.’
*Proverbs 10:1 A wise son makes a father glad, But a **foolish son (daughter)** is a grief to his mother.*
*Proverbs 17:25 A **foolish son** is a grief to his father And is bitterness to her who bore him.*
*Proverbs 15:5 A **fool** rejects his father's discipline, But he who regards reproof is sensible.*

4. God said it’s part of being Holy.

Leviticus 19:1-3 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy . . .

How can they be Holy?

“Every one of you shall reverence (fear—same word used in “fear of the Lord”) his mother and his father, . . . I am the LORD your God.”

1 Peter 1:15-16 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." (quoting Lev. 19)

For the Glory of God

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“Now, when our children walk in Truth and love to God, it makes us rejoice that another heart is consecrated to His service. We may well rejoice in the salvation and in the sanctification of our sons and daughters because this is the way in which the kingdom of Christ is to be extended in the world. . . .

This is the Apostolic succession in which we believe and for which we pray. How, in years to come, are we to see a seed of piety flourishing in the land and the world conquered to Christ? How, indeed, but by means of the young men of Israel? We shall be sleeping beneath the green ward of the cemetery in peace—other voices will be heard in the midst of the assemblies of the saints—and other shoulders will bear the ark of the Lord through the wilderness. Where are our successors? From where shall come these succeeding voices, and from where those nestled shoulders of strength? We believe they will come from among our children! And if God grants it shall be so, we shall need no greater joy.” (C.H. Spurgeon)

Applications

Young Children

Teenage Children

Young Adult Children

Married Children

Take Heed to Yourself

1. Be Honorable

2. Go from being a Timothy mom to a Titus 2 mom

2 Timothy 1:5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.

2 Timothy 3:14-15 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Titus 2:3-4 Older women likewise are to be . . . teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women

3. Pray

“I will tell you why this is peculiarly the great joy of some Christian parents—it is because they have made it a subject of importunate prayer. That which comes to us by the gate of prayer comes into the house with music and rallying. If you have asked for it with tears, you will receive it with smiles! The joy of an answer to prayer is very much in proportion to the wrestling which went with the prayer. If you have felt, sometimes, as though your heart could break for your offspring unless they were soon converted to God, then, I will tell you, when they are converted you will feel as though your heart would break the other way out of joy to think that they have been saved! Your eyes, which have been red with weeping over their youthful follies, will one day become bright with rejoicing over holy actions which will mark the work of the Grace of God in their hearts!” (C.H. Spurgeon)

Restore the Foundation!

Resources:

“The Parent’s and Pastor’s Joy,” C.H. Spurgeon, *Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit*, No. 1148, also at www.spurgeongems.org Volume 19, p. 3

“Embrace Your Mother’s Teaching for Your Mother’s Joy,” Sermon by Dr. Mark Minnick, a.m. service, May 12, 2013

“A Mother’s Rightful, Scriptural Expectation,” Sermon by Dr. Mark Minnick, p.m. service, May 12, 2013

Already Gone, Ken Ham & Britt Beemer with Todd Hillard; Master Books, 2009.

From the Book of Wisdom

*A wise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish son is a grief to his mother.
~Proverbs 10:1*

Key:

The command—Red

The object of the command—Green

The promise—Purple

Pro 1:8 **Hear, my son,** your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching;

Pro 1:9 Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head And ornaments about your neck.

Pro 2:1 **My son,** if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,

Pro 2:2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;

Pro 2:5 . . . then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. (ESV)

Pro 3:1 **My son,** do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments;

Pro 3:2 For length of days and years of life And peace they will add to you.

Pro 4:1 **Hear, O sons,** the instruction of a father, And give attention that you may gain understanding,

Pro 4:2 For I give you sound teaching; Do not abandon my instruction. (If you have godly parents you can also say the following.)

Pro 4:3 When I was a son to my father, Tender and the only son in the sight of my mother,

Pro 4:4 Then he taught me and said to me, Let your heart hold fast my words; Keep my commandments and live;

Pro 4:5 Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.”

Pro 4:10 **Hear, my son,** and accept my sayings And the years of your life will be many.

Pro 4:11 I have directed you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in up-right paths.

Pro 4:12 When you walk, your steps will not be impeded; And if you run, you will not stumble.

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Pro 4:20 **My son**, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

Pro 4:21 Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart.

Pro 4:22 For they are life to those who find them And health to all their body.

Pro 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.

Pro 5:1 **My son**, give attention to my wisdom, Incline your ear to my understanding;

Pro 5:2 That you may observe discretion And your lips may reserve knowledge.

Pro 5:7 Now then, my sons, listen to me And do not depart from the words of my mouth.

Pro 6:20 **My son**, observe the commandment of your father And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;

Pro 6:21 Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them around your neck.

Pro 6:22 When you walk about, they will guide you; When you sleep, they will watch over you; And when you awake, they will talk to you.

Pro 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life

Pro 7:1 **My son**, keep my words And treasure my commandments within you.

Pro 7:2 Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye.

Pro 7:3 Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.

Pro 7:24 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, And pay attention to the words of my mouth.

Pro 23:26 Give me your heart, my son, And let your eyes delight in my ways.

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture in this document is taken from the NASB.

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Recommended Reading for Pastor's Wives

DEVOTIONAL

Though War Should Rise:

Devotional Thoughts for Times of Trouble..... Mrs. Howard Taylor

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Refresh your Heart..... Claudia Barba

When Christ Was Here..... Claudia Barba

Grace for Every Trial..... Betty Henderson

Divine Service Betty Henderson

A Woman of Prayer..... Betty Henderson

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

The Hidden Life of Prayer David McIntyre

The Practice of Prayer..... G. Campbell Morgan

His Word in My Heart:

Memorizing Scripture for a Closer Walk With God Janet Pope

What Do I Know About My God?

A Simple Bible Study Method Mardi Collier

BIOGRAPHIES

Elizabeth Prentiss: More Love to Thee Sharon James

Mrs. C.H. Spurgeon Charles Ray

My Heart in His Hands (Ann Judson)..... Sharon James

Bless God and Take Courage:

The Judson History and Legacy Rosalie Hall Hunt

PRACTICAL HELPS

Spiritual Mothering:

The Titus 2 Model for Women Mentoring Women..... Susan Hunt

The Shaping of a Christian Family Elisabeth Elliot