

Three Characteristics of a Godly Parenting Household

Hosea 11.1 “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.”

* **Who** is the perfect parent?

* **Where** do we see the example of how God parents?

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.

Gal 4.1 ... the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son... 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Deut 8.2 “... the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not ... 3 that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD ... 5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.”

* **Unless** we imitate God's example, we tend to parent by _____ and _____.

* **The** first thing we see God doing after he brings his children out of Egypt is setting up a _____.

Exo 40.38 For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

* **What** are three characteristics of God's household that we should imitate in ours?

(1) God's goal was to train his children up to have a heart of _____ and _____.

Mat 22.37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God

with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (quoting Dt 6.5 & Lev 19.18)

1Tim 1.5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,

Prov 4.7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

Col 1.9 ... we ... pray ... that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ... 28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

(2) God immersed his children in the law of love and wisdom in order to take that law from _____ to _____.

Deut 6.5 “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.”

Jer 31.33 “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

Eccl 10.16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, And your princes feast in the morning! 17 Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, And your princes feast at the proper time— For strength and not for drunkenness!

(3) The overall environment of God's household was one of _____ and _____ (Lev 23; 25.10-12).

Neh 8.10 Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Eph 5.20 ... giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Rom 14.17 for the kingdom of God is ... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.