

Being Parents In An Ungodly World (Demands That We Be Teachers), Part 2 Sunday AM 11/10/19

Introduction:

Last week we notice some startling statistics: 75% of young people leave the faith. One of the reasons is due to the persistent influence of the non-believing world around us. The emphasis last week and this week is the need for parents to be involved in teaching their children some basis principles. Fundamentals such as: Knowing Who God Is, Understanding the Nature and Mission of Jesus Christ, The Bible Being the Inspired Word of God, and the Purpose of Life.

Let me paraphrase to you a little excerpt from a book by Bob and Sandra Waldron, "A Generation That Knows Not God." Born during the wandering in the wilderness, our young man has known Moses as the great leader of Israel for all his years. He has seen many of the miracles in the wilderness. Finally, he stands in an audience and hears the aged Moses preach. Later on, he crosses the Jordan River and enters Canaan. He sees the parting of the Jordan and the setting up of the stones. Joshua commands one man from each tribe take a stone 12 stones to remind the nation of Israel of God's greatness as He stopped the Jordan River and Israel entered on dry ground. ...Some years later he now has a young son and they travel to Gilgal on their way to one of the tribes on the eastern side of the Jordan River. His son asks about those strange rocks. The father says, "These rocks are to remind us of God stopping the Jordan River as we crossed over." While the father may have given the facts, he did not really impart the importance of those rocks and even the Jordan crossing.

As parents we might give the facts without really teaching our children the importance of those facts.

V) **What Are We Teaching Our Children About Authority?**

A) **We might give the basic definition-the right and the power to do something.**

1. Understand a lot of folks minimize the need for authority. It is better to ask for forgiveness than permission. It doesn't say not to. I don't see anything wrong with it. If it feels right, do it.
2. Authority is not determined by how we feel or if we see nothing wrong with it.

B) **It is imperative parents teach their children to respect God's authority.**

1. How? By first teaching them to obey us, *Ephesians 6.1-4*.
2. This requires persistence, perhaps a battle of the wills, and consistency. *Hebrews 12.5-11*.
3. Don't think your child will obey God if they will not obey you, *Proverbs 13.24*.
4. Why are there so many Proverbs on instruction and training of children? Because they have to learn what they can and cannot do.
5. Like the time of Judges, we are seeing a generation who does not respect authority and that includes God's authority.

VI) **What Are We Teaching Our Children About the church and Its Importance?**

A) **A lot of people the church is simply a human institution.**

1. It is optional as one can be saved outside the church.
2. They see the purpose of the church to be social in nature-recreation, food drives, entertainment centers, etc.

B) What is the church?

1. It is the body of Christ, *Ephesians 1.22-23*; it is composed of the saved, *Acts 2.47*.
2. One can be saved and not be a member of some human institution but one cannot be saved outside the body of Christ, He is the Savior of the body, *Ephesians 5.23*.
3. The church comes together to worship God, *John 4.24*. Singing, praying, preaching, observing the Lord's Supper, and giving
4. It is important to be a member of the church, to worship God. Which means to be a part of the fellowship of the local group of Christians, *Hebrews 10.24-25*.
 - a. Many think it is important to be saved but not attend, not worship.

VII) What Are We Teaching Our Children About Reverence Toward Holy Things?

A) What is reverence?

1. We live in a casual society-dress, mannerism, speech, etc.
2. While casual has its place, there are things that are special and needed to be treated as such.

B) Some things to be revered

1. God's name - *Psalm 111.9*.
2. The Bible- it is the word of God, *2 Timothy 3.16-17*
3. Our worship - *Hebrews 12.28-29*.

VIII) What Are We Teaching Our Children About Morality?

A) Society doesn't understand God's morality.

1. Many of our children's friends are having sexual relations before marriage.
2. Many of our children's friends' parents are living immoral lives.
3. Dating and going out have different meanings now than in times past.
 - a. Controlling one's body has been replaced with safe sex.

B) The sexual relationship is confined to the marriage relationship, *Hebrews 13.4*.

1. Sexual sins will cause you to be lost, *1 Corinthians 10.8*
2. We have to practice self-control, *1 Thess. 4.3*.
3. The sexual relationship was never to be designed to be casual.
 - a. It influences how you see yourself and others around you, *1 Corinthians 6.18*.

- b. It is not intended to be dirty or degrading but that is what the world has done with it, there are consequences of immoral behavior.

Conclusion:

Teaching is a never-ending process. Some may get tired of it, some may think teaching it one time is enough, but without it we will lose a generation of people.