

TRUTH THAT STANDS THE TEST OF TIME

Part 3: Family Your Responsibility

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Discussion Question: What is the best things to provide for your family? What does God say provide?

INTRODUCTION:

Prov 12:19 – 20 *“Truth stands the test of time; lies are soon exposed. 20 Deceit fills hearts that are plotting for evil; joy fills hearts that are planning for good!”* [TLB]

Part 1: God is Faithful

Part 2: Strife Creates Confusion

TODAY: Part 3: Family Your Responsibility

1 Timothy 5:8 *“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”* [KJV]

“But anyone who won't care for his own relatives when they need help, especially those living in his own family, has no right to say he is a Christian. Such a person is worse than the heathen.” [TLB]

“But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.” [NLT]

Provide means to consider in advance, i.e. look out for beforehand (actively, by way of maintenance for others; and by way of circumspection for oneself)

- We get this idea to perceive before; to foresee; To think beforehand

Anyone who has a household, a family, is to make the care and concerns of their family a priority before something happens. America offers the greatest potential of upward mobility economically & educationally of any nation on the earth. One can go from absolute poverty to success in just a lifetime. Yet, most American's have no foresight only wishes.

One of the greatest indicators for success in a person's life is the father (regardless of race, economic status or education)

- When the father is absence for the children there is a 4x's greater risk of poverty; a greater risk of behavioral problems; 7x's more likely to become pregnant as a teen; more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol; more likely to go to prison; 2x's more likely to drop out of high school; more likely to commit crime
- The involved father's children will have greater academic success; more positive social behavior; fewer conduct problems; better self-esteem; lower levels of depression; reduced contact with the juvenile justice system.

The Biblical Way is not to put your trust in the American Dream but to be a man that provides for your family God's way. The man who **sees beforehand; before it happens; The man who considers in advance**, is the man that is caring for his household.

PROVIDE FOR YOUR HOME:

1. Guard Your Household

Luke 11:21 *"When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:"*

- "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed." [NASU]

If we don't guard against the demonic in our homes, we are no different than the unbeliever! YES, guard physically but greater that we guard spiritually because we can't be with our families 24/7. See satan's schemes in advance and guard against them.

2. Guide Your Household

We live in a day of GPS and guided missiles; but even worse is misguided children from misguided men. We have a God Positioning System available to each of us.

Ps 143:8 *"...cause me to know the way wherein I should walk"*

Don't guide by your own compass, if we do then no different than the unbelievers; but like Paul, say, follow me as I follow Christ.

3. Train Your Household

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 *"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."* [KJV]

Training a household is more than sending children to school; it is to train them according to God's ways and their gifting.

Ephesians 6:4 *"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to the point of resentment with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive; nor by showing favoritism or indifference to any of them], but bring them up [tenderly, with lovingkindness] in the discipline and instruction (nurture & admonition, KJV) of the Lord."* [AMP]

Nurture and admonition imply the whole training and education of children; whatever cultivates the soul, especially by correcting mistakes and curbing the passions; instruction which aims at the increase of virtue

Training also involves warning! Don't neglect to show them the pitfalls of life and most important Heaven & Hell!

4. Be an Example to Your Household

1 Tim 4:12 *"but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."* [KJV]

Set an example: in your speech, in your conduct, in how you love, in your faith, in purity. Yes even in repentance...show them what to do when you are wrong.

Today we choose to bless our households... PROVIDE words of affirmation over them