



## **“RESTORATION OF EFFECTIVE PARENTING”**

### **Sunday Morning Service (Mother’s Day) Sermon Connection Handout – Sunday, May 12th, 2019**

- *“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the **times of restoration** of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” - **Acts 3:19-21 NKJV***
- Friends, these are days of \_\_\_\_\_. This is a Year of \_\_\_\_\_.
- When Satan steals something from you, God’s idea of \_\_\_\_\_ is not merely to bring you back to your former condition. After He makes the devil pay, your situation will be *improved, better, increased, and multiplied!*
- **John 16:13 (NKJV)** - *“<sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will **guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will **tell you things to come.**”*
- In this verse of Scripture, we can glean and ascertain that the Holy Spirit does two things:
  - (1) He \_\_\_\_\_ you into all *truth*.
  - (2) He \_\_\_\_\_ you *things* to come.
  - What we must understand is that the *truth* never changes, but *things* do change.
- The Holy Spirit will lead and guide you in things that \_\_\_\_\_ in your life, marriage, children, grandchildren and family.
- God will lead and guide you in the \_\_\_\_\_ that change in your life, and you loving your spouse and children, and you leading your family. **WE NEED THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATE THROUGH THE THINGS THAT CHANGE IN OUR LIVES. (Read Romans 8:26 – 28)**
- **Psalms 55:19 (NKJV)** - *“God will hear, and afflict them, even He who abides from of old. Selah Because they do not change, therefore they do not fear God.”*
  - This verse is referencing griping believers. When you get to the point that you won’t \_\_\_\_\_ or refuse to \_\_\_\_\_, you’ve lost your reverence for God. **Reverence for God accepts and embraces CHANGE!**
  - There comes a time in life that things have to \_\_\_\_\_. We know this from a job or career situation, etc. but what about marriage, a death, a divorce or family situations?
    - Yes, we base the *foundation* and the *framework* of our marriage, parenting and leading a family on the bedrock of the *truth* of God’s Word. This places the marriage and the family on a solid spiritual and relational situation.
    - However, as the couples grow and maturity in their relationship, and as children grow and develop, a death or divorce or the diagnosis of a debilitating disease, *things* do **change**.
- **Hebrews 12:11 (NKJV)** - *“Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”*
- **Hebrews 12:6 (NKJV)** - *“For whom the Lord loves He **chastens** and **scourges** every son whom he receives.”*
- God is the best parent ever is saying, in other words, Whom the Lord loves, He **chastens** and **scourges**.
- Discipline of the Lord includes two things: (1) **Chastening** – which is discipline; but not all chastening is scourging. There are different forms of chastening/discipline found in the Word. (2) **Scourging** - Scourging is part of chastening. These \_\_\_\_\_ prepare us and ready us for the \_\_\_\_\_ ahead.

### **PARENTING WISDOM FROM PROVERBS**

- **Proverbs 1:1 (NKJV)** - *“The Proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel”*
- **Proverbs:** Hebrew word is **“machele”** meaning rule or standard

- Children should eventually develop internal standards that are a result of the Word of God - Remember the (Cycle of Behavior):

Cycle of Behavior	3 Dimensions	
Character	<b>Heart</b> (What we BELIEVE)	God <b>RECREATES</b> our hearts through the New Birth (in Christ)
Choices	<b>Head</b> (How we THINK)	God wants to help us to <b>RENEW</b> our minds
Conduct	<b>Habits</b> (What we DO)	God wants to help us <b>RESHAPE</b> our habits
Consequences	Overall <b>HEALTH &amp; Well-being</b>	Not just INFORMED but TRANSFORMED!

- The greatest and most effective way to teach children (aside from the Word of God) is by **example**
- **Wisdom and Instruction: Proverbs 1:2 (NKJV)** – “To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding.” Wisdom and instruction are found together throughout the book of Proverbs
  - Wisdom comes from **experience**; Wisdom comes from **discipline**
- **Disciplines of wisdom: (1) Justice (2) Judgement (3) Equity**
- The way that children learn to treat others honestly, fairly and with right judgment and discernment is through both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Proverbs 1:7 – 9 (NKJV)** – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of your father, and forsake not the law of your mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto your head, and chains about your neck.”
  - Verse 8 could be translated “My son, hear the **discipline** of your father, and forsake not the **teaching** of your mother.”
- **Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV)** – “And, you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”
  - **fathers: parents; nurture: discipline; admonition: teaching**
- **Discipline:** Teaching must accompany discipline to be effective in a child's life
- **Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)** – “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
- **Training:** Children need to be trained. **Many parents end up shipwrecked with their children because they simply read the Word and do not live it. (Read Proverbs 6:20 - 23 (NKJV))**

**PASSING ON GENUINE FAITH TO YOUR CHILDREN**

**Read 2 Timothy 1:3 – 5 (NKJV)**

- We must learn that \_\_\_\_\_ is not hereditary - it is \_\_\_\_\_ by observation, association and assimilation.
- The greatest gift parents and grandparents can give their children is the heritage of \_\_\_\_\_ FAITH. **Genuine/Unfeigned** = sincere; non-hypocritical
- Eunice (a Mother) was not just a mother; she was a \_\_\_\_\_. She and her Mother (Lois) were Mother's on a mission and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Motherhood. **Read Titus 2:3 – 5 (NKJV)**
- Motherhood is ordained by God and part of His Great \_\_\_\_\_! Motherhood is a priority and primary \_\_\_\_\_ for all Women of God who are Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers, etc.

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