



Reaching the World For Christ

Fathers and Their Role in the Family and in the Family of God

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

3 things children need...

I. An Example Provided v18

II. An Education Promoted v19-20

Ps 119:99 *I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.*

Concerning the spiritual state of the family; the father ought to be very diligent and cautious, doing his utmost both to increase faith where it is begun, and to begin it where it is not. Therefore, he must diligently and frequently bring before his family the things of God, from His holy Word, in accordance with what is suitable for each person. And let no man question his authority from the Word of God for such a practice. John Bunyan

You are not likely to see any general reformation, till you procure family reformation. Some little religion there may be here and there; but while it is confined to single persons, and is not promoted in families it will not prosper, nor promise future increase. Richard Baxter

III. An Eternal Perspective v21

Ps 127:3-4 *Behold, children are a gift of the LORD; the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.*

Prov 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Mal 4:4-6 *"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."*

Luke 1:17 *and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."*

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