

Theme: God desires that we raise children according to His Word so that they will love and follow Him.

## I. Intro & Review

- A. Review – 4 purposes of marriage
  - 1. Display God's image (Trinity)
  - 2. Mirror Christ and the Church
  - 3. Multiply a Godly legacy
  - 4. Complete and complement one another
- B. Last week – purposes 1 and 2
- C. Today – purpose 3 – a godly legacy

## II. God's Desire – A Godly Seed

- A. God wants children to love and follow Him
  - 1. v1,4 – in the Lord, of the Lord
  - 2. Mal 2:15 – seeking godly offspring
- B. The problem of a generation gap
  - 1. Judges 2:10-11 – did not know Lord
  - 2. Great men – bad sons – Eli, Samuel, David, Hezekiah

## III. God's Commands and Promises

- A. God's commands and promises to children

- 1. v1 – obey your parents; it is right; command
- 2. v2-3 – promise in command

## B. God's commands and promises to parents

- 1. Command - v4; Gen 18:19; Dt 6:6-9; Ps 78:5-7
- 2. Promises - Gen 18:19; Dt 11:19-20
- 3. No guarantee, but great reason for hope!

## IV. God's Method – Training and Instruction

### A. Training and instruction – nurture & admonition

- 1. Includes both positive & negative elements
- 2. Teaching and correction both necessary

### B. Consistent nature of this training

- 1. Unvarying – exasperate (v4) if not!
- 2. Regular - Dt 6:6-9 – impress – sharpen sword
- 3. Regular - Dt 6:6-9 – home, away, see everywhere

## V. Conclusion & Summary

### A. Children – do you obey and honor your parents?

- 1. This is right and it is God's command
- 2. Honor them – no matter what!

B. God's desire and our desire for our children

1. God wants children to love and follow Him
2. Is this our chief desire? Or something else?
3. All else will come if they love God!

C. What are we doing to train our children?

1. This take a lot of thought and planning
2. Learn - Child training seminar, tapes, books
3. Ask God for grace to fulfill this task

D. Hope for the future – passing on the faith

1. We must pass on the faith – focal point
2. The next generation is central in this task

A Godly Seed: Raising Our Children in the Lord

Ephesians 6:1-4  
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Hebrews 13:20-21

15 Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? **Because he was seeking godly offspring.** So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.  
Malachi 2:15

10 After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, **another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel.** 11 Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals.  
Judges 2:10-11

**19 For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD** by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.  
Genesis 18:19

6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 **Impress them on your children.** Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.  
Deuteronomy 6:6-9

5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, **which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,** 6 so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. 7 Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.  
Psalm 78:5-7

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Genesis 18:19

19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 20 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, 21 **so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land** that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.  
Deuteronomy 11:19-20

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