

Building a Spiritual Legacy

Biblical Parenting – Part 9

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2 Timothy 1:5 (ESV) I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

Deuteronomy 5:9a-10 (ESV) ... I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands [to the thousandth generation] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

1. _____ your children to the Lord

1 Samuel 1:11 (ESV) And she [Hannah] vowed a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life”

A. Pray for God's _____ on them

Luke 2:27-28 (ESV) And he [Simeon] came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

B. Commit to _____ them in God's way

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

2. Teach your children God's _____

Deuteronomy 6:20 (ESV) “When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?’

A. Lead your children into _____

Deuteronomy 6:21 (ESV) then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

B. Instruct your children to _____ God

Deuteronomy 6:24 (ESV) And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.

3. Remind your children of God's _____

Joshua 3:17 (ESV) Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

A. Establish _____ for your children

Joshua 4:5 (ESV) And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel,

B. Tell the stories of God's _____

Joshua 4:6-7 (ESV) that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Building a Spiritual Legacy Study Guide

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Intro. What does 2 Timothy 1:5 tell you about a spiritual legacy?

How can spiritual legacies be either positive or negative (Deuteronomy 5:9-10)?

Why do you think it is important to leave a positive spiritual legacy?

How can a person leave a spiritual legacy if they have no physical children to raise?

1A. In what ways is Hannah's dedication of Samuel an example for every parent (1 Samuel 1:11, 27-28)?

1B. What can we learn from Joseph and Mary's dedication of Jesus (Luke 2:22-35)?

1C. What does it mean to bring children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)?

1D. What are the benefits of a public child dedication?

- 2A. Why is it important for children to know the meaning of God's commands (Deuteronomy 6:4)?
- 2B. What is the significance of the fact that God's deliverance (salvation) of Israel proceeded the giving of God's commands (Deuteronomy 6:21)?
- 2C. Why is leading your children into salvation the most important thing?
- 2D. Why should children obey God's commands (Deuteronomy 6:24, John 14:15)?
- 2E. Why are water baptism and Spirit baptism of your children essential aspects of their spiritual legacy (Acts 2:38-39)?
- 3A. How did the miracle of crossing the Jordan relate to the miracle of crossing the Red Sea (Joshua 3:17)?
- 3B. Why was it important to remember God's miracle (Joshua 4:5-7, 20)?
- 3C. How can a parent teach their children that God's power is still active today?
- 3D. What are some of the most important spiritual habits that parents should teach their children to build a spiritual legacy?