

RAISING GODLY CHILDREN Part 2: PRAISE and WORSHIP, GIVE, HANDS, MOUTHS, EYES, EARS and FEET

Last week I talked about starting your day with God and setting time aside after breakfast to spend with God and your children together. I shared how Kennedy and I have home church together M-F and then on Saturday my whole family does this together because Scott is there with us then. Let's pick up right there.

PRAISE and WORSHIP

We always start our home service with praise and worship. Sing to The Lord and lift your hands up to Him. Get a hymnal and write down the page numbers of songs you know or like and sing those together. There are Christian children's songs too like "Jesus Loves Me" and "The B-I-B-L-E" and "Happy All the Time" look them up, print them out and sing them together.

Psalm 100:1-2 - A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

There are examples of holy men and women who loved God singing songs to Him all through Scripture. There were Levites in The Temple who were assigned to sing and praise God and that was all they did. (1 Chron.15:16-25 & Ch.25) If you believe in God, and understand that He is holy, then you should worship Him with songs of praise. It is a sin not to sing to The Lord.

Eph.5:19-20 - Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Raise your hands in praise and worship time or in your prayer time or both. Let your children see you raise your hands to God in honor and reverence of Him. Model these things for them so they will want to do the same things you are doing. Teach them by example.

TITHE and GIVE



Teach them to tithe and give. We taught Kennedy to tithe off of any money she received for birthdays, for good grades, for whatever the reason. We taught her at a very early age to always tithe and when God moved her heart to also freely give offerings too. This is teaching your child obedience to God and at the same time they are laying up treasures in heaven.

Matt.6:19-21 - Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

What they do in obedience to God and His Word help them to lay up in store eternal treasures that will be more amazing than we can even imagine.

HANDS

Teach them not to use their hands to fight or steal but instead to be helpful to others. To use their hands to do good and useful things. As they get older give them chores in order to help around the house. They can take out the trash, or wash the dishes, vacuum the carpet, sweep the floors and dust the furniture. My permanent chore when I was a kid was to wash the dishes. There were times

when mom had me and my brothers dust the furniture or sweep and mop the floors and run the vacuum cleaner. Teach your children to make their beds and keep their room picked up. Bring their dirty clothes to the clothes hamper. Whatever things they can do around your house, give them things they can be responsible for and be a help to the whole family.

Set your children up for success. You do this by first being saved yourself and living a righteous life and then you teach them about Jesus and God's Word.

Proverbs 1:8-10 – My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother (teaching): For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

When you teach your child and they obey what you teach them, then they will be crowned with grace and have a chain of honor about their neck. That is how God's children are viewed when they obey His Word and obey their parents.

(Eph.6:1-3)

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Let's stand on God's Word regarding our children. Let's do our part and trust and know that God will surely do His. He is faithful to keep His Word.

Isaiah 44:3 - For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour My spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring:

God blesses the righteous for generations. **(Deut.7:9, Exodus 20:6, Proverbs 20:7)**
Make sure your children know what you believe and Who you serve.

MOUTHS



What to do if your child uses “potty mouth” language. Mom’s used to threaten their kids by telling them they would wash their mouths out with soap! Children pick up what they hear from others. If you want their speech to be clean, then your speech must be clean. I wasn’t saved when I had Kennedy and neither was Scott but even as unsaved parents back then we knew to clean up our language. We stopped cussing, we stopped saying ugly words altogether. Many children are going to public schools and picking up cuss words and dirty things there too. If you don’t teach your children, the world will.

Teach them not to lie or cuss or say bad words or ugly things. **(Psalm 34:13, Eph.4:29)** Teach them not to talk bad about people or to be rude but to be Christlike. Teach them to use their words to be kind and encouraging and uplifting.

EYES and EARS

Talk to them about their eye gates and their ear gates. Help them to understand that they are a temple and that God Himself lives inside of them.

1 Cor.6:19-20 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Teach them not to listen to ungodly music. Tell them why. It pleases the devil and does not honor God. I encourage you to watch the teaching series “Satan’s

Music in the Church” to learn about the ungodly music, it isn’t just rock-n-roll, country, rap, hip hop but it is also contemporary Christian music as well.

Teach them not to watch filthy shows that show nudity or characters with very revealing clothes. And not to watch tv shows or movies that use curse words. Don’t watch movies or tv shows that are scary or gory. Don’t watch tv shows or movies about witches, ghosts or occult things. For example the world has no problem with Disney but we Christians know how filthy Disney is. Walt Disney was a freemason and the intention of Disney is to condition the children to satan’s ways and not Gods. To pervert your children against you. Scott always noticed how the sitcom shows they make always portray the kids being so smart and the parents being dumb not knowing anything much less how to parent. Where the kids roll their eyes at the parents and act like they are just tolerating them and smart off to them and don’t obey them. Disney movies geared toward the very young, always have scary scenes in them, magic and evil. Those Disney sitcoms are teaching children not to be respectful.



Raya – and The Last Dragon. The name Raya contains two of satans names. Ra and Ya both stand for satan. He is the great dragon mentioned in Revelation chapter 12. The sword is serpentine and there is a stone with a hole and the sun shining through in the background like at Stonehenge. These things are all in honor of the sun god – satan. I could go on and on about Disney. They are also in support of homosexuality. They are 100% against God.

Don't listen to dirty jokes, nasty stories, filthy words or curse words.

Teach them to be careful about what kind of books and magazines they look at and read.



Harry Potter is witchcraft. It is presented as young kids having amazing adventures. This is conditioning your child to be ok with witchcraft and satan's ways. I know a young man who is supposed to be a Christian, he read these as a teen. He also had no problem with wearing t-shirts with witch sayings and logos on them. God has a problem with all of this. It is sin.

Exodus 22:18 - Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

People do not read and study the full counsel of God's Word today. They go around thinking witches are cute and fun and cool. God says just the opposite. Just because we don't kill them today like they were commanded to in the Old Testament, somehow Christians have lost sight of the fact that we are serving the

same God. He's still not ok about witchcraft and sorcery of any sort. It is a great sin against Him, an abomination. Teach this to your children. Teach them Deuteronomy chapter 18.

All of these things can hinder their spiritual growth. Think about pleasing the Lord with the things you do.

Teach them to choose godly friends. To be choosy about the friends they make. To choose friends that believe in God and are not ashamed to say so and to live openly as a Christian. Teach them to be equally yoked in their friendships. Bad friends will lead them to wrong places and pull them away from God.

FEET

Teach them not to go to wrong places. Think about where their feet take them and stay out of places they would be ashamed for Jesus to find them in.

BAD CHILDREN

God's Word is the best place to go for examples of what to do. Right now I want to take you to an example of what not to do. God's priest Eli did not raise his children in the fear of The Lord.

1 Samuel 2:12-17 - Now the sons of Eli *were* sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. And the priests' custom with the people *was, that*, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething (boiling), with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; And he struck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither (to worship). Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh (boiled flesh) of thee, but raw. And *if* any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay*; but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force. Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.



They were wicked – like their father – satan and had no respect for The Lord. Look at them living high on the hog and disgracing the priesthood. The fat was to be burned on the altar and the fat belonged only to the Lord. They were not even allowing the fat to be burned before the Lord and offered up to Him. They had contempt for the Lord’s offerings but I believe they also made the people to hate coming to offer to The Lord because they had to deal with them.

1 Samuel 2:22-25 - Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled (served) *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. Nay, my sons; for *it is* no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress. If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat (intercede) for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

It seems like Eli let this go on way too long before he talked with them. At that point God had had enough and was already planning to kill them because of their sin. Killing them would be God’s judgement against their sin.

We want our children to please God and to love Jesus and to grow strong and deep in the faith. We want to see them do amazing things for God’s glory.

CLOSING

Teach your children, don't be like Eli and have ungodly children. There are other examples in the Bible of ungodly children and those who disobeyed whom God killed instantly (**Genesis 38:1-10, Lev.10:1-2**).

Teach them the truth and not lies. We talked about the pagan holidays already but don't teach them the other lies that most of us learned either like the tooth fairy, the Easter bunny, Santa Clause etc. Think about the things you say to them and don't continue in the non-sense just because everyone else is doing it. God expects more from His children.

Next week we are going to have a refresher on demonic toys.

PRAYER

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