SERMON NOTES

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Parenting (Part 2)

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Deuteronomy 6:4-5

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all you soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. [Vertical]

Leviticus 19:18

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. [Horizontal]

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

1. Pray for your children.

Ephesians 6:13-18

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints....

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your lovetoward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Thanksgiving: Children are a gift from the Lord (Ps. 127.3). Thank God everyday for your children, their spouses, your grandchildren.

Wisdom: Pray for spiritual wisdom to make godly decisions.

Know Him better: Ask God to grow them deep in their knowledge and love for Christ.

Future Hope: Pray that your children live with eternity in mind.

Glorious inheritance: Thank God for the promise of eternity. Pray for children or grandchildren who don't yet know Jesus.

Great power: As God to give them power through the Holy Spirit to live obediently.

Strength: Ask the Holy Spirit to provide them strength to resist temptations

Established in love: Pray that they demonstrate a 1 Corinthians 13 love.

Grasp the love of Christ: Pray that they understand who they are in Christ and live in the freedom of the unconditional love of Jesus.

2. Use this Christmas to begin a time for family devotions.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

3. Help your children determine what to look for and pray for in a friend and future spouse.

Proverbs 22:24-25

Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare

Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:5-6

Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Proverbs: Friendship

4. Teach your children how to handle responsibility.

Proverbs: Responsibility

Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

God Favor with God/Spirit

- Personal Daily Devotions
- Attend church weekly—corporate worship, get involved with a Bible Study on campus/dorm
- Godly habits

Read Wisdom/Mind

- Focus on Studies
- Maintain GPA
- Get to know professors—ask questions

Others Favor with Man/Heart

- Considerate of roommates
- Dating—healthy physical boundaries. Remembers he's someone's future husband/wife and you are someone's future husband/wife.
- Stay in touch is family

Work Out Stature/Body

- Rest
- Exercise
- Eat Healthy
- 5. Be a student of your children and their culture so that you can be the best teacher to your children.
- 6. Let's work together to become an unselfie church.