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Message—The Challenges of Fatherhood in Digital Age Part 1

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Text: Deut 6 verse 5 to 7.

THE CHALLENGES OF FATHERHOOD IN A DIGITAL AGE

The Theme: The Challenges of Fatherhood in a Digital Age. We will start by looking into the scripture to see where God wants us to be as fathers. He wants us to be complete, without want, having good things of life, free from illness and always available to serve him. Psalm 34, our text for today speaks volume on what the Psalmist perceive as the sufficiency of God for all our needs. In particular, a verse in that Psalm, is very apt to introduce us to this subject. Verse 9. O fear the Lord ye his saints. For there is no want to them that fear him.

No wonder the Psalmist in Psalm 23v1 also reminds us that if the Lord is our shepherd then we shall not want. The rest of that psalm tells us how our Good Father does it. As Christians, it is not in our portion to want. Our Father in Heaven has made it possible for us to have all we need. We all know how powerful the Lion is as an animal. But even the lion cannot provide for its offspring but our Father in Heaven provides for us at all times. In verse 10 of our text: The Young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

I pray that all of us fathers listening to this message will not lack good thing IJN. No matter what is happening to the economy globally or locally, May God continue to provide for all our needs in Jesus Name. What are we supposed to do as Christian Fathers?

Teaching Our Children

Our first job, as fathers, is to teach our children. God, as our father in heaven, taught us to love because he first loved us. This we can find in John 3 v 16. He so loved us that he gave us his only begotten son. Similarly our first duty is to teach our children to how to love God. Deut 6 v 5-7.

5.And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

7And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

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

And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The father's duty of nurturing and admonition are very crucial. It leads us to another duty which is very important.

Bringing our Children Up in Love

Ephesians 6 v 4

Discipline them

We saw how a priest suffered because of his inability to properly correct his children. Eli, was a renowned priest who did well before God. However, he did not discipline his children. The Bible called the children 'sons of Belial'. 1 Sam 2 v 12. May our Children not be children of Belial in Jesus Name. This is why it important for us not to fail in our duties of disciplining our children. Let us look at what the Bible says on this and most of these scripture is from the Proverbs.

Prov 13:24: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes (diligently)."

Prov 19:18: "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."

Prov 22:15: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

Prov 23:13: "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die."

Prov 23:14: "Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell (Shoel)."

Prov 29:15: "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

Hebrews 12:6-7: "...the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son. Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?"

Martin Luther advised that we keep an apple near the rod so that when the child does well we find time to reward him. The Yoruba people have another way of saying this. Bi a ba fi owo otun ba omo eni wi, a o fi owo osi faa mora. We should bring them up with love.

Provide for them

Luke 11 v 11

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if ask fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?13If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Mathew 7v9 also said the same thing.

To be concluded in Part 2

REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMME

MONDAY

5:30 AM – 6:30 AM – HOUR OF MERCY

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – HAND OF GOD / TARRY SERVICE

TUESDAY

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – WOMEN PRAYER MEETING

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – PRAYER WARRIOR (MEN) MEETING

WEDNESDAY

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM – SUNDAY SCHOOL PREVIEW

11:00 PM – 1:00 AM – PRAYER WARRIOR NIGHT VIGIL

THURSDAY

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM – BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY

(SECOND AND LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH)

12 MIDNIGHT – 3:30 AM – GENERAL NIGHT VIGIL

SATURDAY

5 PM TO 7 PM CHOIR PRACTICE

SUNDAY

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM – FIRST SERVICE (ENGLISH)

9:00 AM – 10:00AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL COMBINED

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM – SECOND SERVICE (YORUBA/ENGLISH)

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM – 8:00PM – PRAYER WARRIOR'S MEETING

COUNSELING HOUR

6:00PM – 9:00PM DAILY