

Happy Father's Day 2022



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- Do you know where you are right now?
- Do you know where you are standing historically and culturally at the moment?
- Do you know what factors have influenced your educational choices; your choice of vocation; your music preferences; your way of relating to elderly relatives; your families dress and appearance; your view of children, of money, of marriage and divorce, your views of welfare, of global warming, of the military, etc.?

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- Before the Industrial Revolution....
- Up until the Industrial Revolution....
- As late as the early nineteenth century over ninety percent of American families lived either on farms or in small villages.
- The role of fathers in these homes was clearly defined: the father was the leader; and it did not occur to anyone to challenge this biblical notion.

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- What has shaped us?
 - *History and culture have shaped us! We are all products of the modern world we live in! We are influenced by the ideas, and by the social and economic structures that make it up.*

3 Negative Impacts of Industrialism: Mid 1800's

- Industrialism took fathers away from their wives and children – **Off** to work I go!
- The need for home production and small trade gradually diminished – pride in what we produce and strong work ethic lost!
- Children lost their significant place in the family and in the hearts of their father!

Cultural Landscape Changes:

- Urbanization – The mingling, melting and messed up.
- Transportation – Unprecedented mobility
- Consumerism – Never enough
- Acceleration of affect – Think 10 years ago!

The Home Rules the Nation (Philip Lancaster)

- Theodore Cuyler:
 - *For one, I care little for the government which presides in Washington, in comparison with the government which rules the millions of American homes. No administration can seriously harm us if our home life is pure, frugal, and godly. No statesmanship or legislation can save us, if our homes have become the abode of profligacy. The home rules the nation. If the home is demoralized it will ruin it. The real seed corn when's our republican spring up was the Christian household represented in the Mayflower, or the family altar of the Hollander and the Huguenot.*

Exodus of Fathers

- The Government as Father – The “State” has taken over and become paternalist!
- Ideologies vs. Manhood
- Feminized Churches and Doctrines

Man Up

- Ezekiel 22:30-31 "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.

Three Critical Roles of a Father

1. Instilling Identity.

- a. God has created us male and female!
- b. Defining what is a man/woman.
- c. Train up a child – Proverbs 22:6
- d. Ceremonies – Opportunities to confirm identity!

2. Instill Purpose.

- a. God has a Plan, Purpose and Destiny for every single person.
- b. Life is bigger than a job.
- c. God has created us for a two-fold work.

3. Instill Eternity

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