



SERMON NOTES

FAMILIES ON THE EDGE 6 **HOME VALUE – Don't Sell Out!** November 9-10, 2013

THREE TYPES OF BLESSINGS

1. Individual Blessing (*Vs. 1-2*)

Psalms 128:1-2 (NLT)

¹ How joyful are those who fear the LORD— all who follow his ways! ² You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How joyful and prosperous you will be!

2. Household Blessing (*Vs. 3-4*)

Psalms 128:3-4 (NLT)

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine, flourishing within your home. Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees as they sit around your table.

⁴ That is the LORD's blessing for those who fear him.

Great parenting begins with two things: first, a father and mother who have a deep and abiding respect for the Lord. Secondly, two parents who are crazy about each other.

Kids are like olive trees. Olive trees are cited more than thirty times in the old and new testaments.

Oil: Olive oil was used extensively in biblical times. As a major part of the daily diet of rich and poor alike, it was mixed with meal to make cakes, used to fry meat in as well as eaten with bread and stews. It was also used for medicinal purposes. The oil was commonly used in lamps for interior illumination and external torches.

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First used by Jacob when he pour oil upon the rock used as a pillow Gen. 28:18

Moses used anointing oil for the items in the Tabernacle Ex. 30:29

Aaron anointed his sons with oil so, "they may serve as priests" (Ex. 30:30).

The olive tree and its fruit speaks of three things:

1). Vigorous Faith

Psalm 52:8 (NLT)

⁸ But I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. I will always trust in God's unfailing love.

Growing spiritually strong champions for Christ must be our aim, goal and objective as parents and churches.

The most important aspect of a child's development is their spiritual development it is more important than their physical and intellectual and emotional development because those three are tied to the one.

Luke 2:52 (NLT)

⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

There are 73 million American's who are 18 years of age or younger. These children will define our future. 5-12 year olds 31 million.

The age from 5-12 are the most critical 8 years of a child's life during this time their life long habits, values, beliefs and attitudes are formed.

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The Roman Catholic Church used to have a motto. It said: "Give us a child until he is seven. You can do what you like with him after that."

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

2). Vigilant Faith

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Greatest battle front isn't political, cultural, and moral, it isn't abortion, homosexuality, pornography, drugs, gambling, alcohol, sexual immorality it is the hearts minds and soul of our children.

"When raising kids "slow" is "fast" and "fast is "slow." God's growth is always slow, imperceptible growth many times goes unnoticed even by the parents.

3). Violent Faith

Matthew 11:12 (NKJV)

¹² And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

30 plus million Americans are aligned with a spiritual practice that is not Christ-centered or biblically based another 15 million are atheists. These are the people who are producing movies, magazines, music, educational curriculum...they are the gatekeepers of the flow of information into your children's lives.

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Three Tiers of Influence: PARENT'S, CULTURE (*movies, magazines, social media, friends, politics, educators etc.*), CHURCHES (*Bible study groups, counseling, therapy, extended family members who possess a personal faith in Christ*).

From ages 1-9 PARENT'S have greatest influence.

From ages 10-18 CULTURE will begin to usurp the parent's authority. THE CHURCH has the least influence unless parents partner with the church to build a strong spiritual foundation so they can team up against the godless culture.

Six Pillars of Faith

1. WORSHIP (*not an event they attend, an intimate and authentic love for God and His Word*).
2. DISCIPLESHIP (*promoting a desire for an ongoing pursuit of spiritual growth through prayer, Bible reading/study and the other disciplines of the Christian faith*).
3. EVANGELISM (*knowing and sharing Jesus with others*).
4. STEWARDSHIP (*training children to be efficient managers of God's resources. The Lord's time, talent and treasure. It's not "I own it" and you can't have it or "you own it" and I want it but God owns it and "I must share it."*).
5. SERVICE (*consumer faith or a contributing faith. We don't come only to get but to also give. Jesus came to serve not be served.*)
6. COMMUNITY (*doing life with others/being intentional about relationship*).

3. Public Blessing (Vs. 5-6)

Psalm 128:5-6 (NLT)

⁵ May the LORD continually bless you from Zion. May you see Jerusalem prosper as long as you live. ⁶ May you live to enjoy your grandchildren. May Israel have peace!

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It's called BEHAVIORAL MODELING – it is your most powerful tool in your efforts to influence your children. As the culture around us becomes increasingly secular kids are developing a hypocrisy detector, which allows them to detect inconsistencies. When a child identifies an inconsistency they will (1) ignore the instruction and/or (2) conclude the directive need not be obeyed.