

PARENTING BY THE BOOK

THE GENERATIONAL TRANSFER OF SIN PATTERNS

1. REVIEW

A. ALL OF US BEAR THE DNA OF OUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS

B. THEY HAVE PHYSICALLY TRANSFERRED THEIR MAKE-UP TO US.

1. WE OFTEN SAY, "YOU LOOK JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER/FATHER."

C. OUR DNA DETERMINES THE COLOR OF OUR SKIN AND THE SHAPE OF OUR FEATURES.

a. AND WE PASS OUR PHYSICAL DNA DOWN TO OUR OWN CHILDREN.

1) THAT'S HOW BIOLOGY WORKS.

D. PHYSICAL DNA IS NOT THE ONLY THING THAT GETS TRANSFERRED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION TO GENERATION.

1. THERE IS A SPIRITUAL DNA THAT OFTEN GETS TRANSFERRED, TOO.

a. AN UNSEEN REALITY THAT PASSES BETWEEN GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, AND CHILDREN THAT LEADS TO GENERATIONAL CONSEQUENCES...

1) IT IS SPIRITUAL DNA.

2. NOT ONLY IS PHYSICAL DNA TRANSFERRED TO OUR CHILDREN... THE REPETITION OF NEGATIVE PATTERNS OF SIN (SPIRITUAL DNA) IS OFTEN PASSED, TOO.

3. THESE PATTERNS TRANSFERRED FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER CREATE SPIRITUAL SCARS ON OUR SOULS.

a. PARENTS OFTEN PASS THEM ON UNPLANNED, BUT THEY ARE VERY REAL TO OUR CHILDREN.

1) OUR CHILDREN NOT ONLY OBSERVE OUR NEGATIVE PATTERNS... THEY OFTEN REPEAT OUR PATTERNS AS ADULTS.

i. THEN THOSE PATTERNS BECOME A PART OF THEIR SPIRITUAL DNA BY GENERATIONAL TRANSFER.

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ii. THEN, THE **CYCLE OF SIN** IS OFTEN **TRANSFERRED** FROM
GENERATION TO GENERATION TO GENERATION.

4. ***** DISCUSS: ALL SIN IS NOT THE RESULT OF GENERATIONAL
TRANSFER!!**

5. WHEN I TALK ABOUT **GENERATIONAL CONSEQUENCES**, AS OPPOSED TO
GENERATIONAL CURSES, I'M TALKING ABOUT **THE NEGATIVE
REPURCUSSIONS OF THE PASSING OF SINFUL PATTERNS THAT WE PICK
UP ACROSS GENERATIONS.**

E. THESE **NEGATIVE PATTERNS** CREATE **NEGATIVE RESULTS:**

1. **IN OUR LIVES, AND**

2. **IN THE WORLD AROUND US.**

3. **GENERATIONAL TRANSFER OF SIN** COMES IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES:

a. LYING

b. ADDICTIONS (ALCOHOL, DRUGS, PORNOGRAPHY, FOOD, ETC.)

c. PHYSICAL ABUSE

d. EMOTIONAL ABUSE

e. DIVORCE

f. IMMORALITY

g. IDOLATRY

h. JEALOUSY

i. SENSUALITY

j. ANGER

k. FEAR

l. DEPRESSION

m. DECEIT

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- n. FAILURE
 - o. LUST
 - p. PRIDE/SELFISHNESS
 - q. CRITICISM
 - r. UNFORGIVENESS
 - s. UNBELIEF
 - t. REBELLION
 - u. MANIPULATION
 - v. BULLYING
 - w. GUILT – A PROHIBITIVE CONSCIENCE
 - x. CONTROL
 - y. BITTERNESS
 - z. ...AND OTHERS (THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST)
- F. GOD IS A **GENERATIONAL GOD**.
1. **Matthew 22:32a** (NASB) 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'?
 2. **HE THINKS GENERATIONALLY**
 - a. **Psalms 145:4** (NASB) One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.
 - b. **Genesis 17:7** (NASB) "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.
 - c. **Luke 1:50** (NASB) "AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.
 3. WE SEE THE WORD **"GENERATION"** THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE BECAUSE... **GOD CREATED HUMANITY TO GENERATE**.
 - a. THE WORD **"GENERATION"** APPEARS **166** TIMES IN THE BIBLE.

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4. THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LIFE COMES WITH EACH GENERATION... AND ALSO THE TRANSFER OF PHYSICAL, AS WELL SPIRITUAL, DNA.
2. **** **NOTE:** GENERATIONAL TRANSFER IS A CHOICE (NOT A CURSE).
- A. IT IS THE CHOICE OF EACH GENERATION TO CONTINUE OR TO STOP THE GENERATIONAL TRANSFER OF SIN.
- B. Jeremiah 31:29-31a (NASB) "In those days they will not say again, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge.' "But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge. "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,
- C. IN OTHER WORDS... WE CAN NO LONGER BLAME OUR MOTHER AND FATHER FOR WHAT WE CHOOSE TO DO.
1. **NOTE:** OUR PARENTS MAY HAVE TRANSFERRED IT, DEMONSTRATED IT, AMPLIFIED IT, AND LIVED IT... BUT WE TOOK IT ON BY CHOICE!
- a. **** WE CAN NOT USE WHAT SOMEONE DID IN A PREVIOUS GENERATION AS AN EXCUSE FOR US TO KEEP IT GOING!
2. Ezekiel 18:1-4 (NASB) Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, 'The fathers eat the sour grapes, But the children's teeth are set on edge'? "As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "you are surely not going to use this proverb in Israel anymore. "Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.
3. Ezekiel 18:14-17 (NASB) "Now behold, he has a son who has observed all his father's sins which he committed, and observing does not do likewise. "He does not eat at the mountain *shrines* or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defile his neighbor's wife, or oppress anyone, or retain a pledge, or commit robbery, *but* he gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with clothing, he keeps his hand from the poor, does not take interest or increase, *but* executes My ordinances, and walks in My statutes; he will not die for his father's iniquity, he will surely live.
- D. **NOTE:** BEFORE WE FINISH THIS LESSON WE ARE GOING TO FIND OUT HOW TO BREAK EVERY CHAIN!
- E. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT JESUS WOULD OFTEN ASK PEOPLE... "DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WHOLE?"

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1. HE ASKED BEFORE HE ACTED BECAUSE IF WE DO NOT WANT CHANGE, EVEN GOD CAN'T HELP US.
2. SO... FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES, AND WANTS TO CHANGE WE DO NOT HAVE TO LIVE THE REST OF OUR LIVES DOMINATED BY THE GENERATIONAL TRANSFER OF SIN PATTERNS...
 - a. EVEN THOUGH WE WERE RAISED IN THEM AND THEY WERE TRANSFERRED TO US BY EXAMPLE... WE DO NOT HAVE TO LIVE THE REST OF OUR LIVES CONTROLLED BY THEM!
 - 1) AND WE CAN HELP OUR CHILDREN:
 - i. BY EXAMPLE
 - ii. BY EDUCATION
 - iii. BY PRAYER
 - b. QUESTION: DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WHOLE?
 - c. CAROL ROBERTSON: "WILT THOU BE MADE WHOLE"
- F. THE CYCLE OF PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL DNA STARTED WITH ADAM.
 1. Romans 5:12-13,15 (NASB) Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.... But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.
 2. THE ONLY REASON WE HAVE TO DIE IS BECAUSE ADAM'S SIN WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE HUMAN RACE.
 - a. DEATH IS THE TRANSFER OF CONSEQUENCES FOR REBELLION AGAINST GOD.
 3. SO THE FIRST PROBLEM OF SIN IS THAT IT PRODUCES DEATH.
 - a. PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL
 - 1) PHYSICAL DEATH WAS INHERITED FROM ADAM AND IT TRANSFERS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION TO GENERATION AND IT CANNOT BE CHANGED... NO ONE IS EXEMPT.
 - 2) HOWEVER... SPIRITUAL DEATH CAN BE CHANGED.
 4. IN THE TIME BETWEEN PHYSICAL BIRTH AND PHYSICAL DEATH, WE MAKE CHOICES. (FREE WILL).

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- a. THE INDIVIDUAL BEARS THE CONSEQUENCES WHEN WE CHOOSE TO REPEAT THE SIN PATTERNS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO US.
 - 1) THEREFORE, WE CANNOT USE THE EXCUSE THAT “DADDY/ MOMMY MADE ME DO IT”.
 - i. FLIP WILSON: “THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT!”
 - b. OUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS MAY HAVE INTRODUCED SIN PATTERNS TO US ... AND THEY MAY HAVE ILLUSTRATED THEM FOR US...
 - 1) ***** BUT... THE CHOICE TO COMMIT THE SIN IS OURS, AND OURS ALONE!
 - 2) THEREFORE, THERE IS NO TRANSFER OF CONSEQUENCES BACK TO OUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS...
 - c. WE ALONE BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR SIN.
3. NEXT WEEK:
- A. LAW AND GRACE AS THEY RELATE TO THE GENERATIONAL TRANSFER OF SIN PATTERNS
 - B. WHY ARE GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS SO HARD TO BREAK?
 - C. HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN HELP US, AND OUR CHILDREN, TO LIVE FREE OF THE CHOICES WE HAVE MADE REGARDING ALL SIN, BUT ESPECIALLY GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS.
4. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION