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Let's Talk About... - Week 5

"Impacting Generations"

Ephesians 6:1-4 (ESV)

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³"that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (ESV)

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You 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. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Is my home and my life saturated with the Word of God?

Build a rhythm of prioritizing a Family Devotion:

- Younger children: more frequent, shorter in duration and less depth
- Older children: less frequent, longer in duration and more depth

Psalm 78:5-7 (ESV)

⁵He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, ⁶that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, ⁷so that they

should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

7 Investments to Deposit into Your Children and Grandchildren:

1. Give them a picture of your own vibrant, authentic walk with God.
2. Model repentance and forgiveness.
 - “I remember my dad’s apologies more than his sins.” – Bryan Loritts
3. Come to accept that perfectionistic parents don’t typically raise godly children.
 - Practice what you _____.
4. Give them the gift of consequences.
 - Consequences are the pathway to wisdom and character.
 - Withholding consequences will set them up to be entitled.

How we Provoke:

- Harshness - correcting out of irritation/frustration instead of love.
- Humiliation - using shame as a shortcut to obedience.
- Inconsistency - rules that shift with your mood, not your character.
- Unreasonable expectations - demanding a maturity you haven't modeled.
- Selfish control - parenting to protect your image instead of to form their soul.

5. Incrementally release your children.
6. Make your children a priority, not an idol.
 - Keep them in the 3rd position.
7. Help them discover the “signature” God has written over their souls.