

Our Godly Heritage

The Benefit and Value of Godly Leadership

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PART I: What Is A Heritage?

OT:5159-Strong's- Heritage

Nachalah- something inherited, **occupancy**, or (concretely) an heirloom; generally an estate, patrimony or portion:

KJV - heritage, to inherit, inheritance, possession. Compare OT:5158.

OT:5159-Brown- Driver- Briggs- Heritage

nachalah --possession, property, an inheritance, a heritage

- a) property
- b) a portion, a share
- c) an inheritance, a portion

Merriam Webster's- Heritage

1: property that descends to an heir

2 a: something transmitted by or acquired from a predecessor : LEGACY, INHERITANCE b: TRADITION

3: something possessed as a result of one's natural situation or birth : BIRTHRIGHT

Ps 16:5-7

5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Through God's inheritance we have God's direction

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

Reins- Kidneys, seat of emotion.

1. *God is our source of council*
2. *God has given us responsibility to be a decision-maker*

3. *God speaks to our spirit- inner-man*

Our Families Benefit from Godly Leadership In the Home

8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

The Right hand always represents authority

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh (Our children) also shall rest in hope.

4 Meanings for Heritage

OT:4181-**mowrashah** -a possession:

OT:5159- **Nachalah**- property, portion, a share.

OT:5157- **Nachal**- To occupy, take as a heritage

NT:2819-**kleros** -a portion, an acquisition, heritage, inheritance, lot, part.

PART II: SOME IMPORTANT WORDS TO CONSIDER

We need now to take a look at some very important words that hold a great deal of meaning for us.

1. **Responsibility**- 1: the quality or state of being responsible: as a moral, legal, or mental accountability b: RELIABILITY, TRUSTWORTHINESS
 - A. **As a young child** we are faced with responsibilities; chores, jobs, etc.
 - B. **As a mature adult** we have responsibility; rent, utilities, up-keep
 - C. **As a husband** we have responsibilities; providing for family, bills, nurturing, counseling, discipline of children, etc.
 - D. **As a church member** we have responsibility; attendance, tithe-paying, offerings, praise, worship; support of church, Pastor, functions of church.

- E. **As a church leader** we have responsibilities; faithful attendance, support of Pastor's goals, vision, accountability for our actions- we are as leaders, in a high profile position.

2. **Leadership-** 2:capacity to lead, the act or an instance of leading

The greatest form of leadership is example

- A. Our mates desire to see us as being decisive
- B. Our children imitate our actions
- C. The way we lead in our homes, is directly connected to the way we
Lead in our church, and in society.

Ex 3:10-11- Moses was one of our greatest examples of leadership
10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

A True Leader Is:

1. Humbled at his task
2. Inspired by his cause
3. Driven by purpose
4. Encouraged by the challenge
5. Motivated by the opportunity

3. Integrity- 1: firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values: the quality or state of being complete or undivided.

Integrity found 16 times in Bible

Ps 25:21

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

Prov 11:3

3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

A good illustration of integrity is found in the man called Job.

Job 1:1- **Job before testing**

1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

Job 42:12- **Job after testing**

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning:

4. Discipline- training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or moral character

b: orderly or prescribed conduct or pattern of behavior c: SELF-CONTROL

6: a rule or system of rules governing conduct or activity.

Job 36:10-12- **God ordained discipline in our lives**

10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

11 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

The Word of God is the ultimate rule of discipline in the Christian home.

Heb 12:5-6

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Luke 4:4

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Ps 119:11

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

The statement has been made, and is true, that it takes living something to go to Heaven; to go to hell, just don't do anything!

Discipline in our lives will lead us to our responsibilities!

Our responsibilities will be met because of good leadership!

Good leadership will result in integrity in our lives!

Integrity in our lives will have a positive effect on those around us!

**Isa 59:16- Like Never Before, God Is Looking For Those
Choice Visionaries....**

16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

Prov 29:16-18

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

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