

YOUR FAMILY'S SPIRITUAL LIFE PART III

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INTRODUCTION

- Two weeks ago we said dealing with your families spiritual life can be overwhelming in today's world.
- We have to live a spiritual life or we will never pass on a spiritual life.
- The goal for all of us is to impart faith. It is the greatest gift I can give them. They won't get it from the world.
- Judges 2:7-10, "...another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what He had done for Israel."

I. REVIEW JIM BURNS

- Last week Jim Burns talked about 936 weeks to influence your children.
- Integrity – Proverbs 10:9, "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely..."
- Shema - Deuteronomy 6:4-9, "...Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength...Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up..."
- II Timothy 2:2 - Daily lifestyle.
- The goal for all of us is to impart life to our children, how?
- Live your life daily with your children, make sacrifices and talk to them. Worship in your home.

I. WATCHING YOUR CHILDREN LOSE THEIR FAITH

- Why do adult children walk away from faith?
- Six reasons our children's faith atrophies:
 - 1st - Neglect spiritual disciplines.
 - 2nd - Drifting is slow and often unseen at first.
 - 3rd - Unbelief or lack of trust.

- 4th - Disobedience or an act of our will against God.
John 14:21 NLT, Jesus said "Those who accept my commandments and obey them...love Me."
- 5th - Hardening our hearts towards God.
- 6th - Forfeiting our spiritual destiny.

II. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Remain graceful not harsh, love them and don't lecture.
- Look for opportunities to input thoughtfully.
- Let them reap what they have sown, don't rescue them.
- Refuse to beat yourself up. Release your children to Him.
- Pray for them, fast and pray and live your life with a full commitment to Jesus and His way and will.
- Continue to influence them as much as possible.
- Luke 15:11-32, "...a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said...'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property...¹³ "...the younger son...set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth...he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he...hired himself out to a citizen...who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything."
- It was the memory of his father's goodness that brought the boy to repentance – Romans 2:4.
- Proverbs 22:6 NASB, "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it..."

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- Our culture has taught many of us that loving our kids means rescuing them from any pain or hardship.
- The truth is the school of hard knocks is the school of life and we all have to go there.
- There have always been differences in generations and values, but never more than today.