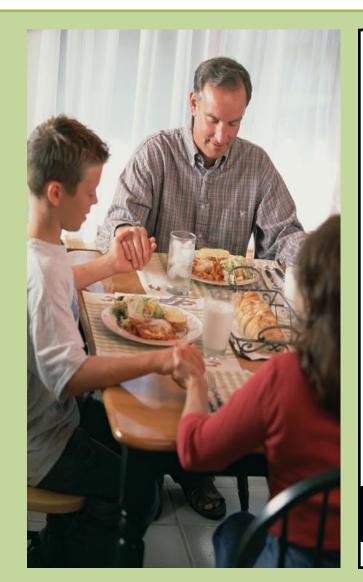


The Challenges Of Youth



How Important is Parenting

Manoah knew the importance:

Judges 13:8 Teach us

Judges 13:12 Rule of life

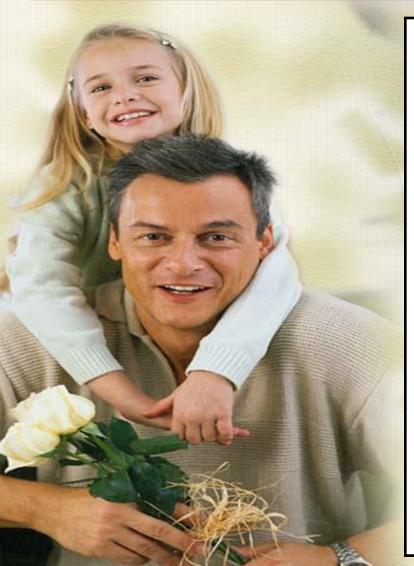
Work of life

His son is found in the "Chapter of Faith"

(Hebrews 11:32)

CHALLENGE

1 Peter 5:8

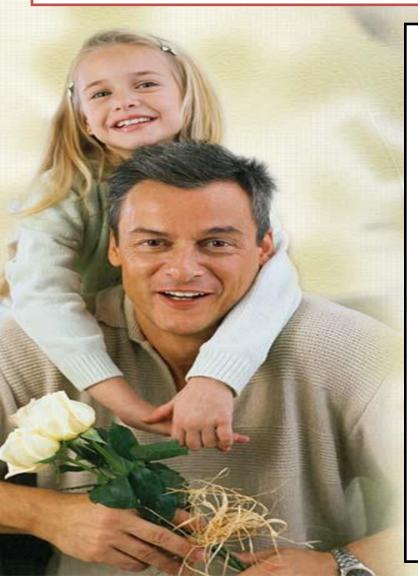


1. There are consequences <u>TO</u> life and <u>IN</u> life

Galatians 6:7-8

The challenge is not to be a father or mother; the challenge is to be a PARENT!

What we are as PARENTS our children will largely become: CONSEQUENCES!



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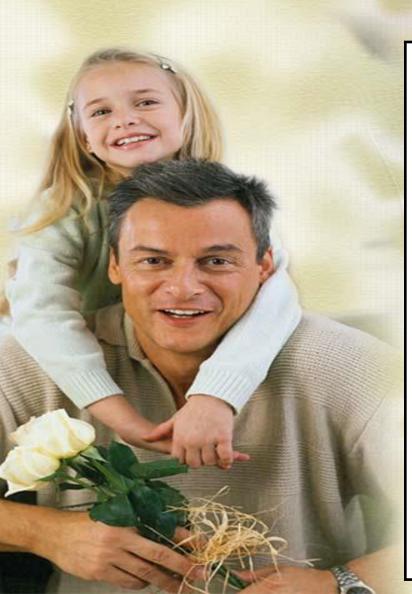
Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

(**Galatians 6:7-8**)

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

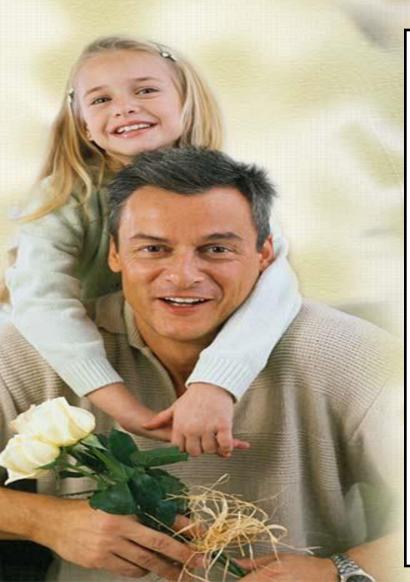
Galatians 5:16-26

IF CHILDREN LIVE WITH THE WORKS OF THE FLESH



- Sexual promiscuity ... no boundaries
- Materialism ... love the world
- Drug use ... imitation
- Hatred ... learn to hate
- Quarrelling ... contentious
- Jealousy ... self-centered
- Fits of anger ... angry adults
- Envy ... wanting everything
- Drinking ... learn to be drunks
- Reveling ... life is a party

IF CHILDREN LIVE WITH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



- Love ... love God and others
- Joy ... blessings of being God's child
- Peace ... live in a world of chaos
- Longsuffering ... forgive enemies
- Gentleness ... compassion on others
- Goodness ... heart is where God dwells
- Faith ... build their lives on the rock
- Meekness ... servitude to others
- Self-Control ... defeat the devil



2. Life is only ONE trip: no "do-overs" or "mulligans"

"If I knew then what I know now"?

"If only"

Hebrews 9:27

"What will be the boy's rule

of life, and his work?"

Judges 13:12





3. Parenting is NOT for the unwilling nor the faint of heart

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Deuteronomy 6:20-25

Ephesians 6:1-4

Training Admonition

TAKES TIME

HOMEWORK





4. Faithfulness is in the HOME; not on the church pew

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AN OUNCE OF PARENT IS WORTH A POUND OF THE CLERGY.

(SPANISH PROVERB)



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Deuteronomy 6 is the HOME

Proverbs 6 is the HOME

Ephesians 6 is the **HOME**

Proverbs 22:6 means to GO THAT

WAY YOURSELF!



5. What you have in your hand is an ETERNAL creature

Genesis 1:26-27

Lazarus

Luke 16:22

Rich Man

Luke 16:23

The rule of his life will likely determine whose rule he will live by

Your example will influence your children: HOW WILL THEY RESPOND???



6. Faithful parents NEVER stop teaching and admonishing

Titus 2:2-8

2 Timothy 1:5

Proverbs 23:22

Psalm 71:18

Revelation 14:13

Older teaching

Grandmother

Listen .. old

Declare

Their works



"Moreover, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne to Me and sacrificed them to idols to be devoured" Ezekiel 16:10 (NASB)



THE CHALLENGE OF YOUTH IS THE **CHALLENGE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS FACE IN THE ETERNAL** TASK OF FORMING FROM CLAY THE **HEARTS OF THEIR CHILDREN TO GROW** UP TO BE GODLY PEOPLE WAITING "FOR THE CITY WHICH HAS FOUNDATIONS, WHOSE BUILDER AND MAKER IS GOD" **Hebrews 11:10**

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