

LEADERSHIP TRAINING 04 - OBEDIENCE

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13

Leadership potential grows from diligence to obey and dedication to obedience throughout the home. My first subject is self.

I. VISION FOR THE HOME

- A. The Bible gives us many pictures of a godly home
 - 1. The rich man has many olive trees PSA. 128:3
 - 2. His wife is a fruitful vine (not branches)
 - 3. His children are blessings better than wealth
- B. Sons and Daughters - Strong and Vibrant (not dull)
 - 1. Resilient sons STANDING tall PSA. 144:12
 - 2. A cornerstone keeps the castle (nation) straight
- C. Children are not a burden but a blessing PROV. 17:6
 - 1. The world today thinks the opposite!
 - 2. Are we raising children or raising adults?

II. VIGILANCE FOR THE PARENT

- A. Teach them diligently DEUT. 6:1-9
 - 1. Diligence does not mean being a cruel taskmaster
 - 2. The Bible respects honest work (PROV. 13:11)
- B. The vision is not for the children to carry out
 - 1. Look first to the one in charge (1 PET. 4:17)
 - 2. Blind spots dismantle vision (MATT. 7:3)
 - 3. Pray that God will reveal needs (blind spots)
- C. Losing control means losing power with God
 - 1. Hindered prayers (1 PET. 3:7) / Wrath (EPH. 6:4)
 - 2. Ultimately risk being castaway (1 COR. 9:27)

III. VICTORY FOR THE CHILDREN

- A. "As the twig is bent so inclines the tree"
 - 1. Noah saved his "house" by obeying God
 - 2. The Philippian jailor's house is also saved
 - 3. The house of Zacchaeus (LUKE 19:9-10)
- B. Obedience means blessing to the children EPH. 6:1-3

IV. VITAL FOR BLESSING

- A. We know obedience is key for blessing (ECC. 12:13)
- B. Solomon certainly tried everything BUT obedience
- C. The reverse is also true: Blessings bring obedience
 - 1. You know it's true with your Heavenly Father
 - 2. Maybe it will be true with your children as well

PROV. 13:11 - "Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase."

1 PETER 4:17 - "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

MATT. 7:3 - "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

1 PET. 3:7 - "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

EPH. 6:4 - "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

1 COR. 9:27 - "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

LUKE 19:9-10 - "And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. (10) For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

ECC. 12:13 - "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."