如何培養兒女的靈命

How to form your children's Spiritual life

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前提一:靈命是培養出來的

Presupposition #1: spiritual life is formed, not born.

A. "靈命"就是"人與神的關係"。 "Spiritual life" means "a person's relationship with God."

人神關係的三種狀況(羅5:10-11):

- 1. 與神為敵Enemy to God: 漠視,否認,反感
- 2. 與神和好Peace with God: 認罪, 悔改,相信
- 3. 以神為樂Rejoice in God:同心,同行,同工
- B. 人有罪性,在自然的情況之下會與神疏遠。 Due to the sinful nature, man in his natural state is estranged from God.
- c. 神藉著父母呼喚兒女,使他們歸回。
 Through parents God calls the children to turn to him.

前提二:靈命好了人生才會好

Presupposition #2: Life is good only when the spirit is good

- A. 內在影響外在。Inner life runs the outer life.
 - 一生的果效是由心發出 (箴4:23)
- B. 與神的關係良好,會使生活中正面的 因素增加,負面的因素減少。A good relationship with God causes the positive factors in life to increase, and the negative factors to decrease.
 - 從神而來的生命使人更豐盛(約10:10)

• 正面的因素 Positive factors

- 愛 love
- 相信 trust
- 忠誠 loyalty, faithfulness
- 樂觀 optimistic
- 憐憫 sympathy
- 堅忍 endurance
- 分享 sharing
- 感恩 thanksgiving
- 內心的平安 peace of mind
- 享受人生 Enjoy life

• 負面的因素 Negative factors

- 自私 (忽略別人) selfishness, ignoring people
- 背信(傷害別人) betrayal, hurting people
- 自大(疏遠別人)prideful, alienating people
- •懷疑(難以結交)doubting, unable to bond
- 憂慮(難以享受)worrisome, unable to enjoy
- 綑綁(難以進步)bondage, unable to progress
- 脆弱 (易於放棄) fragile, easy to give up
- 浪費(改正錯誤)wasting, correct mistakes
- 自卑(拒絕自己)low self-esteem, self-rejection
- 苦果(白白受苦)bitter fruit, unnecessary suffering

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1. 先奉獻,再培養

Dedication first, cultivation later

- A. 奉獻就是分別為聖 Dedication means "setting apart to God"
- B. 從心志到動作 From decision to action

c. 孩童奉獻禮 Child dedication

- 這是父母對神的承諾
- 父母願意為了孩子而自己分別為聖
- 父母願意培養兒女與神的關係
- 父母願意引領孩子信主
- 趁著孩子還小的時候來做

2. 在殿裡,在家中

In the temple, in the home

- A. 人生最重要的兩個地方 Two most important places in life
 - 家庭 Home
 - 教會 Church
- B. 培養靈命的地點(使徒行傳2:46原則) The nursing places (the Acts 2:46 principle)
 - 在殿裡(耶穌的榜樣)
 - 在家中(摩西的教導)

c. 兒女在神的家 Children in God's house

- 要讓他知道敬拜神的必要性
- 要讓他敬重聖殿
- 要知道他在教會作了些甚麼

D. 兒女在你的家 Children in your house

- 在兒女面前做一個真實的信徒
- 在兒女面前表達對神的信心
- 不要在家中說人的壞話,以免敗壞兒女的信心

3. 有恩典,有真理

Full of grace and truth

- A. 耶穌基督充充滿滿的有恩典,有真理 Jesus Christ is full of grace and truth
- B. 有恩典 Grace
 - 1. 要讓孩子知道你愛他
 - 2. 要和孩子說話
 - 3. 要信任你的孩子
 - 4. 要鼓勵孩子的志氣
 - 5. 要原諒孩子的過失
 - 6. 要讓孩子在任何情況之下都肯找你

c. 有真理 Truth

- 1. 要讓孩子有自己的聖經
- 2. 要有家人一起讀經的時間
- 3. 要回答孩子信仰上的問題
- 4. 要幫助孩子從神的眼光看事情
- 5. 要幫助孩子從神的眼光作選擇

4. 由父親負責

Father is to be in charge

- A. 父親是神所設立的屬靈領袖 Father is God-ordained spiritual leader in the home
- B. 兒女的靈命培養由父親負責,由母親輔助 Father is to be in charge of children's spiritual formation, mother helps
- C. 人若不知道管理自己的家庭,焉能照管神的教會呢?(提前3:5)If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church? (1 Tim. 3:5)

5. 從讀經禱告開始

Start with God's words and prayers

- 家人要讀經 Family read the Bible
 - 從小帶兒女讀聖經
 - 父母自己要讀聖經
- 家人要禱告 Family pray
 - Family prays together, stays together
 - 吃飯的時候,父親要禱告

6. 不要惹兒女的氣

Do not provoke your children to anger

- 不要惹兒女的氣,恐怕他失了志氣 Do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart
 - 1. 不要羞辱他 Do not shame him
 - 2. 不要慣壞他 Do not spoil him
 - 3. 不要壓迫他 Do not oppress him
 - 4. 不要輕看他 Do not look down on him
 - 5. 不要冤枉他 Do not falsely accuse him
 - 6. 不要不欣賞鼓勵他 Do not withhold your praise
 - 7. 不要對他亂發脾氣 Do not vent your anger on him
 - 8. 不要做錯事不向他道歉 Do not withhold apology when it's due

7. 照著主的教導和警戒養育他們

Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord

- A. 不是按照"世俗的小學"(加4:3) Not according to the "elemental things of the world" (Gal. 4:3)
- B. 而是按照神的話語 But according to God's word

8. 建立起屬靈的傳統 Establish your family's spiritual tradition

- A. 節期的傳統 Holiday tradition
- B. 故事的傳統 Story tradition

9. 不要與現實生活脫節

Do not detach faith from real life

- A. 信仰不離開生活 Faith is not detached from life
- B. 信仰不受地方的限制 Faith is not limited to certain places

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成為天父的兒女

Becoming Heavenly Father's children

- Admit 承認:
 - 承認自己有罪,需要神的拯救。
- Believe 相信:
 - 相信耶穌是神的兒子,接受他為你的救主。
- Confess 宣告:
 - 做決志的禱告,公開宣布自己信主。