

How Should Men Lead Their Families? Pt. 2 (2022.04.17 Sabbath School class)

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“How Should Men Lead Their Families?” (2 of 3) in the RHB series, "Cultivating Biblical Godliness."
Recap of introduction and the father as prophet in the home.

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Good morning everyone. Morning morning. I would like the first start off with a prayer before I get started here. Let's pray, Father. God, we thank you for this this day, it's beautiful day. You've given us hear your word to worship you and to praise you. Lord Father God each day is a gift from you and we honor and cherish that Lord.

We thank you Father for your mercy and your grace. You give us each and every day and they are hearts. And our minds be turn towards you and I thought be on the things of the Lord in May. Our minds being rich by your word. We ask this in Jesus precious name.

Amen! God Why is it? Every time I get up here, I get emotional. You know what? I think it is, I'm becoming or realizing how

I would say difficult, but how weighty it is to sit up to stand here and speak these things because it is a Word of God and how much I appreciate my pastor for doing this every Lord's day and being our, our shepherd and our teacher, it is, it is a great privilege and honor.

Mmm, for me to do this. So, I just wanted to say that. So How should men lead their families is the book? And I hope everyone got a chance to get this and and read it. And this is, this is a booklet that I think is something that you'll constantly go to the information.

Here is is so rich. And so In many ways, convicting to me as a father but also encouraging to me as well. So I highly recommend fathers as well as mothers. Both read this together. So, I want to recap James, Peyton, and the preeminent duties of parents. Could you all remember parking back?

The last Lord's? They remember the story of James Payton and the influence you had on his son, John was a missionary Presbyterian missionary in South Pacific and recall, some of the The legacy, he actually left to his son and one of the things that that I glean from that.

Oh, there are several things, I believe from that. And also would suggest you all. If you take the time, read go in a little more depth into James and John's story. So he was a, a stocking manufacturer and 19th century Scotland.

However, he left the legacy for his son and that was through his walk with Christ. And one of the things that came out of that was that Knowing and loving, Jesus Christ is more valuable than anything else in this world. I think we can all agree with that statement so it so many ways, he was enriching to his son and his walk with the Lord.

One of those is his love for the church. James love the church and he determined to use every Lord's day for the greatest spiritual benefit of his family. And I think that speaks volumes. I think we all could use the Lord today as a benefit for our families as well.

And his love for family worship, Every morning and every evening has, he would lead his family in worship at home again. Family worship, I think is an important element to leading our families and illustrating to our children. Our love for Christ and His Word.

So briefly to summarize and I don't want to go too deep back into the story because we've already read. But he walked with God through a sincere faith in Jesus Christ. And genuine repentance of sin. Can you hear me back there? And he lived this way openly before his family.

As we all should. We should live a life of Christ. That illustrates that's illustrated to our families each and every day You are love for the church and our love for family worship.

So I'm going to go on to a couple other areas here and I probably won't get to everything because it is a lot of material but I'll be discussing the office bears, we are office. Barriers by Union with Christ and our union with Christ and the profit in the home.

So those are two areas. I'll be talking more about today and I'll get into the others as we go into the next week. Office barriers by union with price. We long as parents in part spiritual good to our children. However, there are barriers, are foolishness our weakness and correct and we are corrupted by our own sin.

So this is where we going to we're going to kind of get a little more into the theology. So I wanted to look at the Heidelberg, catechism, question 32, and also question, I'm sorry 31 and 32. So we'll you'll need to to crack open your Bibles here because we're gonna we're gonna go into subscription.

So can anybody tell me what? Heidelberg, catechism, 31 question. 31 is do what you want. If not, I'll go ahead and read that. Much questions. Question 31. Water without polit. Thank you. Thank you brother because he has been ordained by God, the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher a perfectly reveals to us, the secret counsel, and will of God.

For our deliverance are only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body. And who continually please, our case with the Father and our eternal King who governs us by the word and spirit and regards us and keeps us and freedom. He has one for us.

So first, we're going to look at because he has been ordained by God, the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit. So can somebody read Luke 3:21 through 20 to for me Luke.

Information on the line. Yes, sir. Verse 3 21 through 22.

When all the people are baptized, it came past that Jesus also was that night, Molly prayed, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended and oddly formed like a dog of Pines and a voice came from heaven, which said you are my beloved, son? And you I am.

Well, pleased, Amen. To be our chief prophet and teacher, can someone read Acts 3:22?

For Moses, truly said to the Fathers, The Lord, your God, the rings up for, you prophet like me from your brethren Him. You shall hear in all things. Whatever he says to you. Amen. Perfectly reveals to us, the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance, John 1:18.

Going to save God at any time. The only begotten son, who is in the wisdom of the Father. He has declared him, Secret Council and the will of God for our deliverance, Our only high priest Hebrews 7:17.

Just side note with the men's breakfast yesterday. He's on the younger man. They might, we went through this yesterday, so a lot of them kind of at a preview of this. So, go ahead. Hebrews 7:17 please very testifies, who are faced forever? According to the order of Mount Kismet.

Amen. I only hide priest who has set us free by the only the one sacrifice of his body. And as Hebrews 9 12,

He was nice. Well, yes, Hebrews 912 being friendship. 300 once for all linked to the holy places, not by me uncomfot a note she tabs but by means it of his own blood plastic hearing and internal redemptions. Amen. Thank you. Nate.

Romans, I'm sorry, six and who continually please our case with the Father Romans? 8:34. Here.

Who receive the condemns. It is tries to die. And furthermore is also isn't it was even at the right hand of God who also makes intercession for us. Oh man. So, an R eternal king. That is Matthew 21 verse 5.

Matthew someone has a 21 verse 5. Say to the daughter of Zions, Behold of the team is coming to you to humble. And now they don't a donkey when a cold The pole of a decent bird. Praise go out And last lastly, who governs us by his word and spirit and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom.

He has won for us. Matthew 28:18, through 20. That's actually a fairly longer one for someone who like to tackle that

Through Jesus came and spoke to the saying, all 40 has been given to me in heaven and on earth go therefore and make disciples of whole nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe, all things that I have commanded.

You. Well, I am with you always even to the end of the age on that. Amen. Now we'll look at Heidelberg Catechism question 32. But why are you called Christians? Because by fate, I'm a member of Christ. And so I share in his anointing. I'm anointed to confess his name to present myself to him as a living.

Sacrifice of thanks to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life and afterwards, rain with Christ over all creation for all eternity. Amen. So we will do the same exercise because of faith. I am a member of Christ. First Corinthians 12, Actually, this is a this is a fairly long one as well.

Verse first Corinthians, 12, verse 12, through 27. George, you got it. Well, 12 or 27.

12 healthy 2017 I'm sorry. Yes sir. 12, verse first, first Corinthians 12, verse 12, through 27, For just as the body is one that has an univer but all the members of the body although they are many are one bodies. Let's also presence. If I want spirit, we are all baptized into improv and let her genes are great.

So slaves are free person that all remain to drink. One spirit from the body is not one member. But many approach would say, because I'm not a hand, I'm not a part of the body because this or is it not that part of the body about the ears should say, because I am not an eye.

I'm not part of thought, that's it. It's not part of the money of all body. We're an eye from over here anywhere with the sense of smelling. Oh God, it's place the numbers. Each of them in the body just as he wanted and they were all one member with the body.

Be. Now, there are many vendors, one body. The eye is not able to say to the hand. I do not have any of you, or again, that has the feed. I do not have meat of you, I'm much more the members of the body which are thought being weaker, when necessary, the parts of the body, which we think we less vulnerable to close with more fund of honors and our unforgettable parts come to have more audit participilities to our presentable parts.

You know how Vita this but 27 right. Yes sir. Yeah God yeah. God composed, the body by giving more, abundant honor to the part which in order that they're not being the vision of the body, but the members would have the same concern to one another. And if one member suffers all the members suffering together, Remember his owner.

All of Now. You are the body of Christ, My members of it individually, and whom God has appointed a church first apostles. Second prophets and alert teachers The miracles and gifts of healing helps administrations kinds of funds that they got capacity. Thank you. Thank you, brother. And so I share in his anointing just acts 2 verse 17.

Yes, sir. And in the last stage, we shall be processary that I report my military students on the all 12, It moving to find new dollars shelves, pop problems.

And I'm anointed to converse his name. Matthew 10:32.

Therefore whoever confesses me before him and him before men and him. I will also confess before my father who's in heaven and present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thinks Romans 12:1.

Romans 12:1, how to teach you that more brethren on the mercies of God, which you continue your body to living sacrifice polling acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And then to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life Galatians 5 16 through 17.

Yes sir. Galatian 5 verse 16 through 17. Thank you.

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And lastly, for all eternity, imagine 25 verse 34.

Loop, you won't take that one.

And finals. 34.

Then the king will say to those on Android campus. Come be blessed of my father. Inherit the kingdom heired for you from the foundation of the world because by faith. I'm a member of Christ and ice. And so I share in his anointing and I am anointed to confess his name to present myself to him as a living, sacrifice of thinks to strive with a good conscience against sin, and the devil in this life and afterward to reign with Christ overall creation for all eternity.

Amen. That I was I was love. Hearing you all read Scripture. That just blesses me so much. So Jesus is our mediator. He's our prophet to teach our priest to sacrifice to intercede and bless us. Our king to rule and guide us in Union with him. We share his offices in a limited, but important way, you who are in Christ are all office.

Barriers by the Union with Christ. This office bearing has a huge has huge implications for leading our families as God's ordained representatives to our wives. Our children, we should serve them as profits. What else? Remember profits priests and kings. If you bear the title husband, God calls you to bear the image of your heavenly husband of our heavenly earth.

I'm sorry. Who loved his bride, the church and laid down his life to make her. Holy, we should reflect all the reacts profit, priest. And king of Christ's office-bearing to our families in our homes. Amen. So, I'm going to, with the short time, that I have time. Goes by so fast, kind of dive a little bit into the profit in the home.

So can anybody tell me what defined profit for me? I know Thomas. Daniel really good. Go ahead, Mr. White. Well, biblically of profit has two sides. One would be one who sword down. Yes, sir. The greater great is on the one who forced tells or says, God is Word for him.

And that can be like in the sense of words given like profits of apostles who God gave the right Scripture, or it could be just you and me forth telling the scripture that already, but can do that. That's right. Perhaps even exposing between what a profit does. Thank you sir.

Thank you, sir. The essential task, the profit is to be God's spokesman to people which kind of really boils that down to vary.

So hmm, inspired by the Spirit, the Apostles spoken wrote God's Word. So can anybody tell me, any profits from the Bible that it can think of it comes alive. I'll throw some Amos. It Elisha I like Elijah. Elijah Joel over there. I'm sorry, Daniel because on the baptized John, the Baptized?

I, I can think of one that I'm surprised you all didn't get, obviously. Yeah, Jesus. Moses Agathus Taggabus. Now, you mentioned yesterday that the daughters, There are four daughters of the beacon Phillips that were called competences generics. Thank you, Mr. Winifred. So who's our ultimate omission? Jesus. Amen. So profit in the home, confesses your faith and speaks for the Council of God given by the Bible Make truth known to you our so, should we add other things to that true that something you should be?

And we're teaching or preaching or speaking to our children and being a profit in our home. Do profits. Add their own. You mean by that? They bring in their own, add things to the Bible to God's Word. Build up, not out the foundation of the prophets and apostles built up from the foundation to go back, anything else on the foundation to expand a little bit on that.

For me, it's not a Think of architecture, I've never studied it, but I know if I start going outside of my my foundation, there's there's an, there's a faultiness that's inherent even if I'm leaning on the foundation out amount of balance. Yeah, of balance. Not gonna just the job of the profit is to make God's truth known to his people.

That's right. If you're a prophet and a family and you're telling God's truth, that's fine, fear starting to add a God's truth and live it of Charlie's tr the job of the problem is gone out the window. That's yeah and that's kind of what I was trying to get to Mr.

Whitaker humans. You just say exposing or clarity but not standing. Very, very true. So I'm going to get a little little further into how should we teach as God's prophets? So the book goes into six different methods or six different ways or whatever you want to say, teach with passion.

So the brings out the scripture Amos 3 6 through 8 Amos is a simple farmer felt compelled to speak when God called him to do. So Can we have someone read? Amos 3 verse 6 through 8. It's a trumpet has bone in a city who amongst the people be afraid and their calamity in a city will not Yahweh.

Have done it. Surely Lord. You all may does nothing. Unless you reveals the secret, did his servant the prophets, The line has roared Google not fear. You always God has spoken The Lord. He always spoken, cooking but prophesied. Amen. And the zeal of Jeremiah Jeremiah 20 verse 9. I hear the page is turning.

I love it. You get there, get there.

First time. Yes. Yes, sir. That I said I will not meet mention of him nor speed anymore in his name but his word was in my heart as a burning fire. Shut up in my bones and I was weary with ovarian and I could not stay.

So those scriptures illustrate that when teaching as profits in the home, we should teach with passion zeal such as those profits mentioned Amos. Jeremiah, We also teach as got authorized Stewart. And what that means part of our earnestness and speaking to our children comes from knowing that God has appointed us to teach them.

Our children need to understand that God commanded us to teach them. The church can supplement our efforts. However, However, however the primary responsibility of teaching covenant children belongs to parents especially the Father Talking that, that is very clear. And again, understanding that sets the the course in which we should teach our children.

The other item is teaching through family worship.

Daily family worship should be the foundation of your fatherly exercising of your prophetic office toward your children. Your home is to be a little church in which you are to serve as a instructing profit. Teaching your children Yahweh is truths. According I'm sorry. Addressing the mind, the conscience, and the heart, and the will of each of your children.

And this is an area. Again, we talked about and I'm confession here, we talk about convicting, but also encouraging. This was one of those convicting moments because that's an area that I need to ask God's help with daily family worship Again, we get caught up and work and other things that tend to take us away from what we should do as fathers.

But this is where I need the Lord help and putting the where I need to be for my children and that's leading them daily and worship. So major on the basics, teach your children about each Bible book illustrating to them. Each major, each book's major theme and how each book leads us as needy centers to Jesus

Christ.

Teach the origin comprehensiveness and seriousness of sin, huge Teach about God's call to holiness and obedience and how to live a lifestyle thankfulness. You can't say an amen, say out. To their biblical instruction to continue the current events. I'm sorry. Ty tear, you Biblical construction to current events in your fat in your family society and nation as much as possible.

We see so much going on in our society locally is globally. We should discuss those things from a biblical perspective with our families. So there they know that the truth is not from out there. For the truth. Comes from a word of God. Teach by example, In addition to being a chief profit.

Jesus was the Living Word, John 1:1.

And also and so did Paul who wrote and second Timothy 3:10, We are always teaching our children, whether we know it or not, or they are always reading the books of our lives. This will show your children. How important you, your view, your view of God, as whether worship is a delight, or duty, whether sin is a horrible evil or mirror naughtiness, or whether we cherish our family or view them as a burden.

Again, our Our children, see our lives and how we live out our lives as important that we live them out through Christ. Jesus, teach by sharing your life. Paul was a great example of this. He spoke openly of his problems afflictions and weaknesses. He boasted up his weakness so that others could see power of Christ in him and the sufficiency of God's grace in all his trials.

And I point the second Corinthians 12 verse 9, through 10, teach from a holistic maturity, train their hearts and souls. So that they may grow and mature and serving God, Luke 2:52, train your children in social. Graces a well-trained mind unaccompanied by basic manners, or culture is a blunt sword.

All true are our children should show respect to older people. Kindness to their parents and compassion to children younger than they are. This is something that that really hits home for me because It's important that we teach our children manners, how to be respectful Olivia had a an appointment with a mentor that sheet for I was with Tennessee, achievers for college.

Anyway, We the lady that the mentor was very Blown away just by Olivia's mannerism, being heard or the way she spoke and how she conducted herself, someone and so forth. But she shared with us as a very few young. People have that, you know, they don't know how to speak to adults.

They don't know how to be polite. Things of these natures, these things that that we as believers and Christians and still in our children, a lot of that does not prevalent in our society. So I thought that was interesting that she brought that up. That was like one of the first things she brought up in conversation.

I got six minutes left here but there was to another area was teaching or train your children. Physically, your body is a gift of God. Respect the rules of help and treat your bodies with honor. Those are the two areas and I I would suggest you all go back and and read this book.

One of the things like I pointed out early, this is a great book to just keep and continue to go through because there's so many truths within this And I suggest I really strongly suggest you do. That one of the things teaching your children, the facts of life, discussing openly the goodness, and spiritual significance, and God's giving boundaries of their sexuality.

Do not leave that education to their peers. No Guide them in matters of personal appearance so that they dress modestly and attractively but not to draw attention to themselves. Again, very important, because our society draws them away from that, draws them to themselves. And not. I've got, I wanted to highlight this because this this is where I think the rubber with the met the road for me.

Brothers, are prophetic role in the homes. Place great responsibility upon us. How can we live up to such a calling, Instead of throwing in the towel? Because of our inadequacies we should come before God in prayer and say, I am a sinful human being The Lord help me confess my sin by my inconsistent.

Walk my ignorance of the Bible and my failure to evangelize my children. Let me be grieved by these failures. Turn to thee for grace, to realize my covenantal responsibilities and take refuge in the learning learning on thy covenant promises and looking to Jesus thy son as my model, my guide and my strength.

So I the encouragement here is God gives us a marvelous grace of being his assistant and teaching our families that gift he's given us our children, our wives, you just giving us the grace to come alongside him and to take us along this journey.

So That is conclusion of this first portion, we will go into So homework assignment students read we book. And next Lord's Day, we will be looking at the priest in the home as well as a king in the home. So I would like to end in prayer. Let's pray by the god.

We thank you for your word. We thank you for your grace encourage us as fathers, Delete our families to impart to our children and our wives the truths of our Lord, our Savior and to give us a union with you Lord. So that we can be besides you to hold us up.

Father, when we are inadequate, when we are not doing what we should do, but you give us grace. Father, you give us a strength that we need to do those things. Lord. And Father we are so honored to walk with you. The leading of our families, we ask your mercy and your grace this day in Jesus precious name.

Amen.