

Majoring on the Majors!
Part 11: *Leading the Way!*
Slide Notations

We're talking through having kingdom-of-God fullness in our lives... Working thru the 4th of five hindrances to us having it all!

Five Major Hindrances... Money as god! **Lk 16.13 Mt6.33 1Tim 5.9,10** "No fullness there!" Not knowing God is totally knowable! **Eph 3.12-18** Marriages that don't "One-Up!" **Gen 1.26 & 2.7-25 E5.15-35** "NFT!" Kids who aren't trained to connect to God's Kingdom! **Mt 18.5-14, Pr22.6** Friends who don't know how to be!

Left off... Knowing about the *connection* and *caution* He has for believers regarding kids/generations! **Mt 18.1-14** Finding there is a *focused interaction* we are to engage to get our children on line with God! **Pr 22.6** And as in marriages, we are not going to accept less than God's norm for kids!

We must ask ourselves what we believe, and is it doable? And answer with: 'with men it is impossible but not with God!'

The interaction... Is not mom throwing herself into raising the kids @ expense of marriage! Is not dad taking time away from 2nd wife to coach the kids in his/their favorite sport! *Is mom and dad, partnered up w/God, to carry out their primary ministry assignment...* **"Train up the children in the way they should go..."**

The training... Get them on the right roadway while they are young so that they bear fruit for God for a lifetime! "Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit!" **J15.8** Whatever else we teach and train them to do, make sure they are happy in heaven for the initial focus (???) you gave them!

The world says... Parents/influencers: hang back a while and see where they go, what they lean toward... Encourage them to try many different things... Especially things that were important to you when you were younger... Encourage them to experience the things you never did... Encourage them to follow in your steps!

Shotgun, hope & chance method where the world and the child's lusts are in control!

The word says... Parents/influencers: know the way; then discover the way to catch your child's attention when they are young to start them on the particular path God has put in front of them (???) so that you can look back over a long life and see that they are still there!

Laser, faith & surgical method where parents follow the lead of the Giver of Gifts!

Asides... Every Child... Has resonance! "fearfully & wonderfully made!" **Ps139.14** "and there are diversities of operations..." distinct energizings; designed resonance by God! **1C12.6** "has a plan and purpose set out by God, for a successful end!" **Jer 29.11** Needs a parent/influencer committed to discovery, encouragement and running interference against hindrances!

His Lead... "If you are in Christ, set your love on things above, not on the things of the earth because you are dead and your life is hidden with Christ, in God... Kill off hurtful lusts... put off bad behavior... put on the new man, renewed in the knowledge of God... as His own, put on His nature, above all else, His love which makes everything complete... let His peace rule in your hearts and be thankful! Get the word of God in you and strengthen one another by it's fruit... and whatsoever you do, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus! Wives, submit to your husbands! Husbands, love your wives! Children, obey your parents in all things! Father's be consistent with your kids... and... whatsoever you do, do it

heartily, as unto the Lord (and not unto men) knowing that from the Lord you receive the rewards of your inheritance as His servants! **Colossians 3.1-25**

Your Lead...

Love set above, not beneath! v1 Teaching our kids to love the world and all that is in it is counter-productive to the quality of their life experience! **1J2.15** Things beneath, transient, unsatisfying! Things above are not ethereals! ROH! Things above are the “more real’s” that we are coming into/going to! AND, He is seated above all things!

Our children must be taught to view everything against the eternal and no longer live as though the world is everything!

“Tell me what a man thinks on and I will tell you what he will become!”

Potential hidden in Christ! v2 Discovery of the abundance/force of life is hid in Him! “Intimacy unlocks development!” “Be all that you can?” All in Him! *Our Friendship w/Him lifts our eyes and aims above this world/everything counts!* Our ways are hidden in Him but the fruit of our relationship is not!

Man/woman of Godly character! v5-14 *The elimination of everything ungodly!* Sexual impurity/evil desires/self seeking putting off slow and quick anger/sins of the mouth/prejudice... *The embrace of everything God-like!* Fair speech/deep heart/transformed mind...

People established in peace! v15 Peace as umpire! Athletic term! Will be assaulted 1000’s of ways! In any dispute we need to teach them to follow the way of peace! **R14.19** Not keeping peace/finding the peace that no one can take away! **J14.27** Storms may continue to rage on, but God will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is focused on Him! **Is26.3** Peace that surpasses understanding! **Ph4.7**

Word strengthened! v16 Dwell in you! Residency, not visitation! In your heart! **Ps119.11** Everything needed: peace, guidance, strength, encouragement, correction, direction, relationships...

Worship saturated! v16b Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs! Yours/others/Spirit compositions! Singing for joy/any circumstances!

In whatever we do, conscious that it is for the Lord that we are doing it! V17,23

1. Everything we do we do like we’re working for Him!
2. Everything we do we do so that we could sign His name too!
3. Everything we do comes up at inheritance time!

Whatever we teach and train our children to do, this is the way they must go! But we can give them nothing that we don’t own ourselves!

Do we own it to give it? A Life set on the things above? The knowledge that all we are going to be, that makes any difference, is in Him? Godly character as God-shaped kids? Peace that blows our own mind? A word and worship lifestyle? A quality of life and action that we can sign His name to?

Gauge of Fullness! A home where husbands love/respect their wives and wives honor their husbands! **1P3.6,7 Col3.18-21 E5.21-33** Children who obey/honor parents! **E6.1** A well ruled house, children subject to parents w/all honor and respect! **1T3.4** Believing and faithful children not accused of living like the unsaved or the unsubdued! **Titus 1.6**

Who has this kind of experience? Only people who want and pursue the fullness of God’s kingdom!