

Tree of Life!

Part 3: "Rightly Ordered Family Dynamics!"

Have you been thinking about it...? *How Jesus, disciplined His followers by living out His values? He modeled and spoke about living to do God's will rather than His own! John 4.34, 5.30, 6.38, 7.16, 8.26* He modeled love and care, service and teaching to keep God's name before them and keep them in His name! **John 17.12, 26 18.9**

Asides... What have you done with your "Keeping Them In His Name" crowd-sourcing homework? Did you think about it? Did you begin writing out one of your stories of life? What are the stories of God's goodness that you tell most often? Have you put Bible verses/concepts to it? It's one way we become like the Tree of Life... and keep His name before other people!

When we look at the Tree... We see a core value of choosing, doing, humbly serving God's will! We see a core value of keeping God's name before the ones He loves! We can also see a core value of a rightly ordered family dynamic! God the Father, first and foremost! Brothers and sisters in God! And a rightly ordered home life!

Luke 2.40-52 Young Jesus grew strong in the spirit, was filled with wisdom and the grace of God was on Him. When He was twelve He went with His parents to Jerusalem for the Passover. When they returned Jesus stayed behind but Mary and Joseph didn't know; they assumed He was somewhere in the group of their extended family. When they couldn't find Him they went back, and after three days they found Him in the temple, with the doctors of the law, conversing with them and blowing their minds with His understanding and answers. Shocked by the sight Mary said, "Why have you done this? We have been looking for you. We were so worried!" He replied, "*How is it that you didn't know I would be about my Father's business?*" But they didn't understand what He meant. So, He went back to Nazareth with them and was subject to them. And He increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man!"

John 2.1-11 And there was a wedding in Cana and Jesus, His mom and His disciples were there. And when the hosts ran out of wine Mary said to Jesus, "They're out of wine!" Jesus said, "Mom, what do you want Me to do? It's not My time yet." His mother said to the servants, "*Just do whatever He tells you...*" *This was the beginning of miracles that He did* that manifested His glory and caused His disciples to believe!"

Our Texts... Show Jesus submission... In a spiritually superior position, which actually defines a superior position! Right ordering when you have no option is just surrender... Right order because we have a BWV is true submission... Shows even "those on a mission" need to be submitted! **Shows the blessing of rightly ordered family dynamic – INCREASE/GLORY**

On family dynamics... Jesus shows us the larger topic of rightly ordered family! His Father's WV of "dominion" flowing from family! Genesis 1.28 Jesus offers us a BWV regarding natural families; children and parents... His own modeling! Luke 2, John 2 And He gives us a BWV regarding our supernatural family; the church... What He modeled for His disciples... mult What He downloaded through them for us! Galatians 1.12

On family dynamics... He gave His principles to Paul/Peter regarding marriage/family/singles! "Husbands, love your wives like Jesus loved the Church and gave Himself for it that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water of the word, to present it to Himself a glorious church w/o

spots, wrinkles or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. **Eph 5.25-27 1Peter 3.7 Col 3.19** “A man with a wife who has a problem is a man with a problem... to solve!” Look at the Tree of Life! “So should men love their wives as their own bodies...”

“Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, Himself the Savior of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject to Christ so let the wives be to their own husbands in all things.” **Ephesians 5.22-24 1Peter 3.1-6 Col 3.18** And in case there’s a “subjugation” issue this whole exhortation begins with “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God!” **Ephesians 5.21 1Peter 3.8-12**

“Good parents, rule their own houses well having their children in subjection with all gravity, because if a man can’t rule his own house how can he take care of the church of God?” **1Timothy 3.4,5** “They must have faithful children, not living unsubdued lives.” **Titus 1.6** “Fathers, don’t make your children angry with capricious anger and demands; bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord... don’t fight with them to the point they become dis-illusioned.” **Ephesians 6.4 Colossians 3.21**

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with promise that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth! **Ephesians 6.1-3** “Obey your parents in all things for this is well pleasing to the Lord!” **Colossians 3.20** “No chastening is pleasant at the time, but it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who are exercised by it.” **Hebrews 12.11**

“Singles, It is not good that you are alone!” **Gen 2** “But some of you will remain single for the sake of the kingdom... but not all, because it is a gift...” **Mt 19.12** “He that is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord and pleasing Him!” **1Cor7.32** “If your desire to marry is strong, marry! *To avoid fornication, marry!*” **1Cor7.9 1,2** “If you are now-unmarried, widowed, and have the desire, remarry...” **1Timothy5.14**

“Young men and women, let no one disesteem your youth, be examples of believers in speech, behavior, love, faith and purity...” **1Timothy 4.12** “Treat older men and women as father’s and mother’s and younger males and females as brothers and sisters with all purity...” **1Timothy 5.1,2** Don’t rebel or rebel elders... Don’t exploit or use the rest... “Flee youthful lusts and follow after righteousness...” **2Timothy2.22**

“Adult Children, honor your parents. He that curses them takes away his own life. Don’t say I would help but my money is dedicated to honoring God. If you don’t care for your parents you make the word of God void!” **Matthew 19.4-9** “If any of you have a parent at home, care for them, show true holiness by requiring them their care for you. This is good and acceptable to God! If anyone won’t provide for those of his own house he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel! **1Timothy 5.4-8**

NONE OF THESE ARE COMPLETE STUDIES... More than 40 evidences that there is a BWV and a value on right family dynamics... Have to ask, “what do you think about that?” And, “will you think about it?”

And in case you’re not convinced, here’s Jesus’ family dynamic... “Behold, your mother and brothers and sisters are looking for You... **Looking to be heard? Do we want to be with Him, like Him?** He answered, ‘Who is my mother or brother or sister... *take a look, it’s those who do the will of God! The ones who hear the word of God and do it...* those are the members of My family!’ **Mark 3.32-35 Luke 8.21**

Will you think about it now?