

“Lightning & Thunder”

(Grace & Giving)

A special series on Stewardship – Part 8

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(A Special Father’s Day – or Parents’ focus)

Text: Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Everything learned in life, from coping methods to table manners, is learned in large measure inside families and parents (particularly Dads) are accountable.

RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE – _____!

1 Timothy 5:8 - “⁸*But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*”

BUT.....

It’s one thing to provide and another thing to _____.

When we mistake the giving of material things for the sharing of grace, we do a great disservice to our children.

URGENT....CULTIVATE T _____, REAP

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Dad & Mom....you can cultivate a spirit of giving in your children. KEY? _____.

Proverbs 22:6 says, “⁶ *TRAIN up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*”

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 – “⁶*These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷IMPRESS them on your children. TALK about them when you sit at home and when you WALK along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸TIE them as symbols on your hands and BIND them on your foreheads. ⁹WRITE them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*” (NIV)

FACT: Our kids *are* being taught, groomed. The big question is, ‘by whom?’

We must raise up a generation of givers, not takers and keepers. That must be our goal. BUT...that may require, on the part of Dads & Moms, a two-fold activity:

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IDEAS/TIPS.....