

Blessed is the Fruit of Your Womb?
Fruitopia, Part 5
Slide Notations

See/do #1 Have my daughter in one of the best Christian School environments possible. Almost 100% parents who place their kids there call themselves Christians! Have children who don't know Jesus! Disrespectful to authorities, foul language, drink, sexually active, prejudiced... *What's wrong with this picture?*

No amount of preaching can speak louder than our actions... Children see, children do!
Our words are validated or voided by our "pursuits!"

See/do #2 Young man, full of anger toward dad who taught him family was everything/right or wrong always back family... On a rant because dad learned truth of the Word trumps family tie... and not getting his father's backing/behavior... Loving family means telling them truth. Love w/o truth seed-bed for self-indulgence. *What's happened?*

You never love your family more than when you love God first!

Loving God first... Means you're going to have to endure: "*You're hard...*" Because flesh so soft/indulgent! **1P4.2-5** "*You're mean...*" Because doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness, chastening so misunderstood. **2T4, H12** "*You're judging me...*" **1C5.11,12, 6.3,4 2Th 3.14,15**

Judging? Cradle: "too hot, too cold, just right..." "that tastes good" "hard night" "bad start" "tall/short" "you look tired" "not feeling well huh?" "you're pretty" "you're pretty mean" "A-" "radar says 80" "earned bonus/raise" "good guy/gal" End: "everyone's work tried by fire to see what kind it was..."

We live our lives judging and being judged ... and almost every time... someone accuses you of "judging them" it's only because they want you off!

See/do #3 Teacher approached me after last session, "Are we hearing their cry?" 1st grade boy/girl in bathroom, kissing ... 2nd grade girl/girl groping each other...

Where/who did they get the ideas, targets, images from?

So far... 1. Established the principle of Fruitopia! **J15.1-8** Called to bear much fruit that glorifies God! The Vine Dresser judges the fruit! Whatever branch of life that doesn't bear fruit for Him/gets cut off/burned! Branches that bear fruit get pruned to become increasingly fruitful! "Ordained" to "go" and bear and bring back the fruit that remains! **v16**

2. Dealing w/first, foremost, fruit... Fruit of the womb... natural & spiritual! "Kids" see/do... Parents eat sour/children set on edge... We can accept responsibility or fight God! Must acknowledge day of accounting... When *our* fruit will be judged! And when our *Fruit* will be judged!

Supposed to be... Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his reward! **Ps 127.3** A wise son makes a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. **Pr 10.1** The just man walks in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. **Pr 20.7** The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice: he that begets a wise child will have joy of him. The parents will be glad, and she that bare them will rejoice. **Pr 23.24,25**

"If you listen to His judgments, and keep and do them, the Lord will keep w/you the covenant and the mercy He swore to your fathers. He will love, bless and multiply you; He will bless the fruit of your womb, of your land, and of your cattle, in the land He promised you. You will be blessed above all

people; not a male or female will be barren among you or your livestock. And the Lord will take away all sickness, and will afflict you w/none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known..."

Deut 7.12-15

"Blessed is the fruit of your womb..." **Lk 1.42** "You will be called the prophet of the Highest, going before the Lord to prepare His way; to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the remission of their sins...and the child grew and became strong in spirit." **v76-80** "And the child grew and became strong in spirit, filled w/wisdom and the grace of God was on Him and all that heard Him were amazed at His understanding and answers. On His Father's business, He increased in wisdom and stature and in favor..." **LK2.40ff**

Now, Take you back... Little girl with the identity crisis... Who, in the "phase" of temptation in grade school... Had no one near to see the tears, call her name, keep her from falling... Made a choice to believe her same-sex urges were her created reality... Now we are engaged in a battle for her soul that's been taken captive! **2T2.25,26**

Questions... How has a 4% minority group made the same-sex issue the hot topic in America? How has the LGBT agenda been so effectively inserted into American media, politics, business and religion? What are the issues? What are the dangers? What is the motivating force behind all this activity?

Issues... *If you want to influence thought/beliefs:* You take your time to make it last! You spend money, but it's worth it! You find models, icons they see/copy! *And if you have a lifestyle agenda then you target the people who are still in formation... kids!* They have learned, what we have learned, that if you want to influence a culture you influence the kids! There is no greater fruit that we bear than our natural or spiritual children... We are not called to live for our "kids" but the way we live for God may just save their lives! They are the fruit of our "womb" and God's desire is that our fruit "remains!"

Dangers... *Parental Rights!* Alameda, CA School District trying to insinuate alternative lifestyle curriculum/ kindergarten class! San Diego couple wanted to know when topic would be taught/opt out/stonewalled. Dad decided to go to school w/child, was arrested for trespass/won in court/ but made parents take kids out of school.

Business Rights! AZ Photographer who took portrait photos of individuals, chose to not to do wedding of ss couple... fined \$7,000. CA Physicians refusing to artificially inseminate unwed women refused ss couple. Sued/court mandated procedure against their religious beliefs/business policy... \$1mil to bring it to appeal... NJ: Methodist Camp lost tax exemption for not renting it's facility/ss marriage!

Religious Rights! Current language of Hate Speech Bill says pastors of churches w/contrary beliefs wont have to do ss marriages/rent facilities... What's "granted" today can be taken tomorrow! "Gov't has a compulsion to normalize" all legislation... Anyone speaking against normalizing legislation treated as a Hate Speech Crime!

Motivating Force... In the beginning God made man in His image, male and female made He them... God, who is a Spirit, not a gender, made... Man: judgment/justice/strength... Woman: love/nurture/sensitivity... Together = image of God! Devil seeks to mar the image of God! ***It's what all of this warfare is about!*** Can't defeat God/but can make Him unattractive!

Marring His image... People caught up in sexual sins... Stone/drunk binge... Scream'g/anger/rage... Prejudice... Cruelty/violence... Broken words... Broken marriages...

No amount of preaching can speak louder than our actions...

What will we do now? There was a little girl in grade school with a sexual identity crisis... and we missed her cries... Will we fight for her and so many like her? Will we love God more than everything, modeling a life better than anything, to attract them to the image of God?