

Majoring on the Majors!
Part 12: Kids: Freeing them for fullness!
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... Acknowledging the connection and heeding the caution He has for believers regarding kids/generations! **Mt 18.1-14** Finding there is a focused interaction we are responsible for to get our children on line with God! **Pr 22.6** Knowing we must own the fruitful way that we must lead them onto! **Col 3** Not hanging back, watching what they reach for, waiting to support/choices... "spinach or candy?" Out ahead of them, leading the way, focusing their attention on Godly life, health and true reward! Not mommy/daddy dearest manipulation! "This makes mommy/daddy happy..." "We always wanted a _____ in the family!" *It's not about "we" but Him!*

We must discover God's will for our kids and take heroic action to get them started on their road early!

The Paved High-way... 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 un-subdued! **Titus 1.6**

We should want more for our children and the next generation, than we had...

Should refuse to lead them into the very lifestyles we all needed to be saved from!

What do they have that makes us think their outcome will be different than ours?

Mt 25.14-30 The kingdom of God is like this: a man going to a far country called his servants together and gave them his goods. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one – he gave to each according to their abilities – and he left. The guy with five traded and made five more. Same thing with the guy with two. But the guy with one dug a hole... After a long time the owner returned and called for an account. The guy with five who made five more heard him say, "well done good and faithful servant, you have been faithful with a few things I will make you a ruler over many! Enter into the joy of your master!" He said the same exact thing to the guy with two who made two more! The one talent guy came and spoke, "I knew you were tough, harvesting and collecting off others abilities, and I was afraid of you and went and dug a hole and put your talent in the earth and here it is..." The master said, "you wicked & lazy servant, if you believed I was a profiteer you should have at least made something from what I gave you... now take his one talent away and give it to the guy with ten – because everyone that has (been faithful and profitable) will have abundance and the one who has not been faithful will lose all that he has... and cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth!"

The Message... God purpose for His kids is to produce for Him, w/the giftedness of our lives... There are some that are gifted-less, but the same requirement is upon us... For the same rewards! More/Affirmation! There are none that are gift-less... And acting as though we can turn from His ways and do our own thing and expect Him to be happy about it is sad, ungrateful and dangerous!

From the earliest time we must help our children contextualize their lives in God's kingdom!

We must train them to live for Him and for a future day!

And we must help them make the right choices and moral decisions from the start!

Kids today... Have far too many choices given to them by parents and influencers... Not coincidental that morally stronger generation had fewer choices given! What's for dinner? Meat & potatoes! Don't want it, don't eat it! What's for dinner? McD's or Taco Bell? Burgers or nuggets? Super-size? Dessert @ Red Top, DQ or Dairy Bar?

Made "multiple choices" the norm... so... What happens when all we can offer them in One God?

Kids today... Too many experiences given too early... Every one of us is an endorphin junkie! We want/we get/we feel good! (moment). 6 yr olds w/make-overs! 10 yr olds freaky-do's and hair-dyes! 14 yr olds multiple piercings/tatt's! Where's this going? What's NEXT? *We have become co-dependent enablers!*

What happens when they don't feel the thrill of God anymore?

Kids today... Have been delivered by their parent(s) to their own rule before becoming responsible for the outcome! 'If we let their tastes dictate health, they will not be healthy!' 'foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child!' **Pr 22.15**

Parents/influencers must know God's ways, train/lead/interpret for their kids, as they learn their response-abilities and responsibility for their actions!

Failure to step in... "When they knew God, they esteemed and honored Him not as God, neither were grateful or expressive of thanks, but became foolish in their thoughts, reasoning's and imaginations of God and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing themselves to be wise they became fools and exchanged the glory of the unchangeable God into an image- exchanging the truth of God into a lie God then gave them over to their uncleanness formed from the lusts of their own hearts... vile affections which corrupted even the natural use of their bodies... and as they did not want to retain God in their knowledge, He gave them over to their own reprobate mind to do things unbecoming and unfit... **R1.21-32**

Those were someone's kids, untrained, many optioned, world formed and lust ruled!

God is not about stifling creativity, but about us freeing our kids from distractions to their fullness! That requires a new ways of thinking, fresh obedience to His word, and getting them on their way!