

Glad Tidings

Romans 10:15

June 20, 2021

“I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man” (I Kgs 2:2).

These words were spoken by David to his son, Solomon, shortly before David died. Fathers quite often exhort their sons to “*be a man.*”

What David had in mind and what most fathers have in mind may be entirely different.

Great emphasis is laid today on physical prowess. So many fathers want their sons to be men in the matter of excelling in sports or outdoor activities. “*If he gives you an trouble, knock his block off*” may be the advice given by many fathers as they encourage their sons to be men. Courage to stand for the right is certainly a part of manhood.

Fathers do their sons a grave disservice, however, when they disregard the most important aspect of manhood. I did not quote all of the sentence from David to Solomon. Let’s read the third verse: “*And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:*” How then could Solomon show himself a man? By keeping the charge of God and obeying His law.

Unfortunately all that many fathers know is the physical world. They have no faith in God and so cannot impart such



faith to their sons. They play ball, fish, hunt and hike with their sons. But do they ever sit down and study the Bible with them? Their sons see no evidence of faith in God either by word or deed. I am afraid that a great many fathers think that faith in God and His Bible makes them look like a “sissy” to their sons. Unfortunately they apparently have not read the stories of men like Abraham, Joseph, Gideon, Daniel and most important of all the Son of God.

Fathers, **show** your sons what it really means to be a man! Have the courage to believe in and obey Jesus Christ. Put the kingdom (church) of the Lord first in your life. How we need men of courage and leadership today! You have no real right to claim manhood if you reject the source of that manhood. God made you a man (Gen. 1:26,27). Being husband and father is the result of God’s making you that way. “show thyself a man” by your faith in God and obedience to God.

Kenneth Frazier

About Your Attendance

Matthew 13:1-13

Preachers should never have to preach on attendance. It should be obvious that when a Christian does not care to attend all the services, his interest is elsewhere. It is foolish to assert that we have a passage which pronounces anathema on those who don't come on Sunday and Wednesday nights. We don't need one. All we need show is that interest and attendance are connected and that a person who is truly interested will attend.



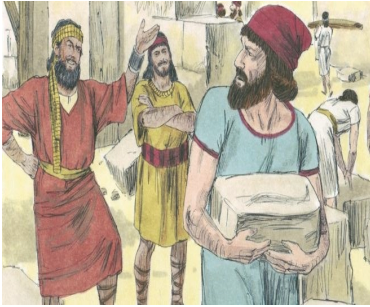
Now you can try to explain that away all you want and when you are finished it will still say the same thing: a person who is able yet does not attend the services is not inter-



ested in what is going on at the services. Bring your excuses, pronounce your justifications, rationalize all you want. And when you are done, the parable of the Sower will still affirm the same thing: prepared soil is the only kind which results in produce. by Dee Bowman

Expect Opposition!

(Note: Image from the story of Nehemiah)



Storms broke against the ship in which unfaithful Jonah was fleeing, but storms also broke against the ship in which faithful Paul was sailing. God does not promise His people exemption from trials. The peace which Jesus gives is not freedom from hardships, but serenity in the midst of them.

Jesus met far more opposition than we meet. To many He was a stumbling block, and a sign which was spoken against (Luke 2:34). Because of the cruel treatment he received, His mother experienced poignant grief. A sword pierced her soul (Luke 2:35). Those who live godly “Shall suffer persecution.” (2 Tim. 3:12).

Worthwhile goals are never reached the easy way. Faith does not look for cheap success. Overcoming obstacles is a means of developing character. “It is good for me that I have been afflicted,” said the Psalmist (Psa. 119:71). How much one can take determines largely how far he will advance. Opposition may easily become one of the “all things” which work together for our good (Rom. 8:28).
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“Train Your Children”#556

(verses 1, 2) Huey P. Hartsell

***“Precious gifts that come from God,
Our dear children whom we love!
What a blessed privilege we have,
Molding hearts for heaven above.***

***“Fathers, you must lead the way;
Daily teach and with them pray;
And the mothers too with tender hand,
Kindly guide them lest they stray.***

Chorus

***Teach your children! Love your children! Train
them in the way of God. What a sweet reunion there
will be, In our home eternally.”***

Order of Worship June 20, 2021

Song Leader—AM	Michael Young
Song Leader—PM	Steve Frazier
Lord's Table	Gary Barber
Sermon—AM	Devin Barber
Sermon—PM	Devin Barber

Continue prayers for Steve Rhoden recovering from injuries from fall, Josh Nipper in O.P. Hosp., and those on our list, and for the free course of the gospel.

1 John 5:14

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Hebrews 10:24-25