Outline - June 21, 2020 Ephesians 5:25-28; 6:4 Parenting as Dad's (The Perpetual Permanent Relationship) Proverbs 13:13-24

Thirty Years Ago A Major Prediction Was Made About America's Future

The importance of parenting

- A. Instilling faith, hope and love
- B. Providing stability, safety, structure
- C. Promoting traditions, identity, respect

II. Issues parents face

- A. Good parenting must be intentional
- B. Good parenting requires a vision
 - 1. Where do you want your children to be in 30 years?
 - 2. Beware of exceptions

III. The insight needed for healthy parenting (10 principles for all dads)

- A. (Dads) have a passion for your family
 - 1. Wife (mother of your children)
 - 2. Beware of your own "issues" that get in the way
- B. Discover your child's interests, strengths and joy
 - 1. Not want you enjoy
 - 2. What they want
- C. Get into their world
 - 1. Support
 - 2. Show up
 - Enjoy
 - 4. Coach
- D. Teach the valve of work (for what they get)
 - 1. Work produces confidence
 - 2. Work prepares them for reality
 - 3. Work creates a respect for authority
 - 4. Work helps to set goals
 - 5. Work takes away the entitlement attitude

E. Be flexible

- 1. Be able to bend
- 2. Be able to reset boundaries
- 3. Be willing to rethink your decision
- 4. Try to say "yes" unless a solid reason to say "no"

F. Be real

- 1. You are going to mess up
- 2. You are going to make mistakes
- 3. You are going to say things that hurt
- 4. You are going to do things you regret
- 5. Be willing to own it
- 6. Don't deny
- 7. Don't pretend
- 8. Seek forgiveness
- G. Look into the future as you enjoy today
- H. Bless them "tell them how much you love them"
 - 1. How pleased (proud) you are of them
 - 2. Focus on their positives
 - 3. Rejoice in their accomplishments
- I. Speak their love language
 - 1. Time
 - 2. Words of affirmation
 - 3. Attention
- J. Create a place called "home"
 - 1. Where there is love and acceptance
 - 2. Attachment
 - 3. Stability, safety, structure
 - 4. A place that is their space
 - 5. A place where happy moments are made

IV. The impressionable faith we give

- A. What you believe is crucial
- B. What you share about your beliefs will be remembered
- C. How you serve the Lord will last
 - 1. For their memories
 - 2. For all eternity
- D. How you love the things of God will impact them

What We Do As Dad's Will Determine Success Or Failure Of Our Families And Our Nation