

Children and Grandparents

We are Abraham's seed if we command our children. Therefore, we ought to be able to give them a clear command and expect them to obey it without having to coax them or urge them along to do it. Over here we see our daily need to seek our Father for the grace and wisdom to raise our children and be the seed of Abraham. In Messiah we are all the seed of Abraham and we need the seed of Abraham — the Body — to raise up our children. Many times we see our lacks and our failures with our children, but if we realize our need for the Body, it's proof, we are the seed of Abraham. The reason is because there is something missing in all of us, and if we were all self-sufficient we would all be living in our own houses, and you know that there is no standard in the Gentile homes. Therefore, we must persevere to maintain that one standard which we are learning. Right now that standard is being formed, therefore, we must be attentive to the Holy Spirit so that the pattern that we are setting is the pattern of Messiah so that in 20 years we can say the same thing and not deviate from that standard or have different standards. Denominations today change the standard and continue to change standards because they cannot attain to them. Paul in Phil 3:16-17 says to them and to us let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained, join in following my example and observe those who live after the pattern we have set you. In the German translation it says, "the style of life" I have set for you. Today we must continue to walk and observe the style of life that is being set before us by the apostolic anointing so we won't deviate from the standard and walk in another way, as enemies of the cross of Messiah (Phil 3:18).

Sometimes for single people it is hard to handle our children because they see another standard — another standard which is held by the parents. There should be only one standard though. Many times children say "My mommy lets me do this," or "She lets me ask for an apple." Children should not be allowed to do something by their parents

that is different from the standard of the Body. Many times parents intimidate others from questioning them about their double standard or about bringing anything to them about their children because they get defensive when they are talked to. Also they are the type of parent that gives you the third degree trying to get down to the bottom of every situation of why you spanked their little Johnny and why it was that he was disobedient. These parents that are like this lied at the dedication of their children because they said then that they were giving their children totally to the Body.

There are two other things that Elbert has been talking about concerning things that we do. Many parents have the tendency to give a command to their children and then say at the end of it, Ok? Like for example, "Johnny go and lay down, Ok?" For most it is an unconscious thing like saying, "you know," but it is communicating to the child that you are asking his permission to do something. It is the same as saying, "Do you agree?" or "You will do it, won't you?"

Our children here had fallen into asking for food and being picky about what food they ate. They chose for themselves what they ate and they rejected what they didn't like. This was the result of certain parents' permissiveness and their not dealing with these attitudes in their children. We saw our need to return to one standard and abide by that one standard. It was going to mean being diligent with our children and if it meant for some a discipline of sometimes having to remove them from the table and miss a meal, it was necessary to deal with the attitude in the children. Some parents though, when this is spoken of, have an attitude which says that taking their poor little baby or child away from the table to miss a meal is going to kill the child or that the child will starve and not get his proper nourishment. This attitude does not permit that which is in the child and the parent to be dealt with. Parents need to know that children are disciples: disciples follow, obey, listen and trust. Children need to be disciples following, obeying, listening and trusting their parents to give them what they need. Just as a true disciple trusts, obeys and follows Yahshua and allows Him to provide what he needs, a

disciple simply receives and is thankful for His Salvation. He doesn't right away start questioning decisions made by his elders or start choosing what he receives or doesn't, but as a newborn babe he receives the milk from the mother. Our children need to be like-wise the same.

Raising up our children is impossible to do in our own strength. Maybe when we exhaust our flesh and see we are totally inadequate to do it on our own, then we will rely on the power of the Holy Spirit. We will find out that only then we will be able to do it. We need to seek our Father and ask for wisdom and common sense, so we won't go berserk in trying to raise our children. We can't do it without Him. In the New Covenant our Father wants to show us that it is going to be Him who is going to do it through us. There is a great task upon us. We must deliberately ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to be on us. The flesh of man cannot serve the living Elohim. It is the sacrifice of the lawless what we do in our flesh. It results as an abomination.

Another thing about children: their can be no greater detriment or no greater blessing for the Church and our children than for our parents to visit the Church. Grandparents have a great influence on our children. They have a fleshly connection with our children, thinking that they also belong to them. Grandparents say, "How are my little ones doing." Today the government gives children to grandparents. The parents are of no count especially if they are in a "known cult."

We therefore must bring our parents under government. We must be able to check them. We must be able to bring them into our order, adjust them to our style of life and even discipline them. Our parents should not just be able to walk into the Church and have free reign. They just don't walk in and start giving everything to our children that is bad for their teeth and their health. We just don't allow them to come in and sneak in candy, pork, or their opinions. They might come because they are on vacation, but we are not. They don't come to the Church and everything we are doing falls apart because we have to attend to them. We are employed; we are doing one of the

greatest occupations of mankind. Our parents don't think so, they continuously ask when we are going to come see them like if we just sit around and can take off anytime we want because what we are doing is not important.

When our parents come to visit we must notify them that we have an established order. We are the Order of Yahweh and they must come into that order. When they come, they should be employed right alongside us involved in the things that we do daily. We need to be able to check the gifts that they bring. They cannot distinguish between clean and unclean, so therefore we must help them. We must be able to have the liberty to tell them to bring cotton or wool items rather than synthetics if they want to bring us clothes. We must be able to instruct them not to bring candy, toys, and other worldly foods and items because soon our children start having this abnormal expectation and frenzy about grandma and grandpa coming.

They start getting excited because they are going to get what they usually don't get. They begin to associate all these things they get with grandparents and pretty soon their taste buds go over to the Gentiles. In the Lost Books of Eden, there is a reference of how all the Sons of Seth, except for 8, went over to the Sons of Cain, because of the allurements of the world. We must keep Israel pure. We must check our parents so that the worldly influence does not come in. We must remember that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one and that our parents are still in the world under Satan's control. We must give them this instruction and they must receive it if they want to come.

We must be able to have the freedom to discipline our children in front of our parents. If we have fear to do it because of what they might say, then they should not even visit us. If we have to have caution about our parents turning us in because we discipline our children, then they should not come. Some parents don't believe in child discipline; they believe in child hating. They did not discipline us. They hated us. They

gave us everything thinking that by doing that they would win us but really they spoiled us and lost us and we despised them for it.

Many parents come with preconceived ideas and even negative opinions and attitudes about us. They really don't like us being here, they just tolerate it. They don't like our food, our ponytails, our way of life, so they go along with it, but deep in their hearts they wish we would leave this place. They subtly express it by letting us know that if we ever change our mind or need anything to help us do something else, they are there to help us. Most with attitudes like that are really just waiting for the day we come to our senses and stop wasting our lives. These are attitudes and things in our parents we must check or we will not be able to be Israel. It is a hard word but what must we do. We must be a stem that goes against the tide.

One thing our parents need to understand and we also need to understand is that it is the most normal thing to discipline with a rod. We discipline with a rod and not with the hand. Even a dog you don't discipline with a hand. People who train dogs will never discipline their dogs with their hands because the animal will begin to fear the person rather than fearing authority. Therefore every time the master would lift his hand the dog would crouch in fear and shrink back. That is why they use a stick or a roll of newspaper to hit the dog. The dog then associates discipline with the stick rather than the person. How much more should we use the rod to discipline our children. The rod is made to sting where the rebellion is. We must be diligent to train our children. It is in us to hate our child and spare the rod.

Dt 6:6-7 are two verses that Elbert has been sharing much concerning our children. These verses say that the words which our Father is commanding us today shall be first, of most importance, foremost and before all other things in our mind and heart. Then we should wet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate to teach and impress them diligently upon the minds and hearts of our children. We should talk of them to our children when we sit in our house (at the tables before breaking of bread).

When you walk by the way (from one side of town to another, on the way to training).
When you lie down and when you rise up.

This is a command to Israel: to teach their children, to love Yahweh our Father with all their heart, mind and soul and to love their neighbor as themselves.

We must be diligent to pass on to our children everything we can in order that they can do this. We should desire that they would fulfill the two great commandments. We must teach them how to do it not just pass on to the letter of the law. For them to know it and do it from their heart, we must give them incentive how to do it. This is going to require us giving of ourselves to them 24 hours a day, passing on to them the very words that has been passed on to us. Our Sovereign spoke and are recorded in the New Covenant and relaying stories of our forefathers from the Old Covenant. We must also ask our Father for grace to know what we can do and say to them, that they will be able to fulfill the two great commandments. If we are allowing academics to go ahead of this to obey, we will lose our children.

Israel is the only one who can hear. Denominations aren't Israel because they are not being obedient to the commandments. If you are not obeying the two great commandments then the rest are an abomination. The rich young ruler was lawless. All his seemingly good deeds were nothing because he was not on the foundation of the two greatest commandments. He wasn't loving Yahweh our Father with all his heart, mind and soul. He went away sad because he didn't want to give up what was close to his heart. He was also not loving his neighbor as himself. He wasn't loving his fellow Israelite. If he had been doing that Yahshua's words would not have been hard for him. There is a painting in the Maples that accurately depicts this scene. Yahshua is standing between the rich young ruler and a man begging for alms. Yahshua is motioning to the beggar, the rich young ruler's fellow Israelite, for him to go sell everything he has and give it to that poor man. The rich young ruler is seen looking and going the other way, his countenance fallen. It showed the condition of where Israel was at, because there

were inequalities that would never have existed if they had been being obedient to the two great commandments. They would have been fulfilling the law. Love is the fulfillment of the Law.

As we pass these things to our children, we need to be conscious of them and the spirit in which we pass it on to them. We must give attention to our children. We must look at them in the eye when we talk to them. We must show them that we are interested in them in what we are saying or in what they are telling us. We must show some reaction to the things they think are wonderful. If we do not do these things then they will be full of the worthless spirit. We must give them the attention that they need. Listen to them and interact with them. If we are speaking to them and someone else comes to talk to us, we should always finish our conversation with them giving them full attention until we are finished and then we can talk to someone else.