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YOUR CHILD HAS THIS NEED

(P. D. Wilmeth)

- I. No one ever had a baby come to their home but what he saw it immediately had needs.
 - A. How can we best lead ourselves to meet them.
 - B. Let's realize:
 1. No single method of rearing. Principles are constant but parents vary methods.
 2. All children possess some problems.
 3. Every child has "internal push." He will, flower like, unfold.
 4. Parents can't provide all needs. We have church, school, clubs, etc.
- II. Your child needs to learn some things.
 - A. From you he can always expect the truth.
 1. Babies are born, etc.
 - B. In this world there are authorities.

Eph. 6:1-4 "Children, obey your parents in
 - C. Punishment is necessary.
 1. Powerful deterrent.
 2. Spanking only used by civilized people.
- II. The child has these basic needs.
 - A. Physical.

Luke 2:52 "And Jesus increased in wisdom
 - B. Intellectual.
 - C. Social.
 - D. Economic.
 1. Learn value of material things.
 - E. Spiritual.

Prov. 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he

1. Key word is "train".

2. Have we given moral standards to live by?

F. Love.

1. He must learn concern for others.

2. Must know his parents love and want him.

G. Security.

1. Feeding and cuddling reassure him.

2. Parents on hand to face any crisis.

H. Belongingness. - *Not too much or 2*

I. New Experiences.

little done for him

1. Learns by few mistakes as tries new things.

J. Communication.

K. Recognition.

1. Sense of achievement.

L. Independence. - *Needs some spare time of*

1. He's a person -- unique, has rights. *own*

2. Encourage him to try new things.

M. Discipline.

1. Must learn there are limits.

N. Acceptance.

1. Accept self and live within limits sex and self impose.

IV. Parents can help if they will:

A. Spend time with them.

B. Listen to their problems.

C. Be a good example.

D. Say no and yes.

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DADDY MAKES!

I. Remember the old song:

"What a difference a day makes?"

A. Let's change the last word.

B. For today we put daddy.

C. We'll contrast two dads and see the results in their sons.

D. Our two dads, Elkanah and Eli.

E. The projection being that dads cannot forsake their responsibilities and expect things to be right.

1. It's not a perfect pattern with grand results every dad will achieve.

2. But it still stands--where there are failures look carefully at the actions of dads.

II. The Case for Elkanah (God has possessed)

A. Facts

1. 5th generation settlers in Canaan.

2. Levite

3. Before his family openly showed his faith and obedience.

1:3

4. Obedient and took family with him.

1:21 "And the man E. and all his house went"

a) Worship meant something to him.

b) Taught children to participate.

1:4 "He gave portions" (Kackelman)

5. Loved his wives.

6. Was blessed by Eli.

2:20 "And Eli blessed Elkanah"

7. Knew give and take.

1:23 "Do what seemeth thee good"

"only the Lord establish his word."

B. That "little coat."

1. You know Samuel ="lent to the Lord."

1:28 "Therefore I have lent him to the Lord"

2:11 "And the child did minister unto"

- a) Certain duties allotted to him to perform suited to his age.
 - b) Word minister covers the whole period of his service.
 - c) He was devoted for life.
 - d) Before Eli = under general superintendency of an adult. All at Shiloh under Eli.
2. Child--guided with linen ephod. (v 2:18)
 3. Mother made a coat.
 - a) Like ones worn by priests, Kings, their sons.

Lev. 8:7 (READ)

- b) Undergarment of wool, woven without seam, holes for head and arms, reached nearly to ground.
- c) Under it a tunic, fit so closely, that if that's all he had on called naked.
- d) Covered this with ephod.
- e) Could be a handsome garment.
- f) Bring garment shows the dedication to God but this did not alter home duties.
- g) Remember Hannah wanted more than a son--one wholly dedicated to God.

- h) Rather daring to clothe Samuel with ephod, the everyday robe of the priest.
- i) Permanent symbol of faith in the desire for her son.
- j) Though she had other sons the work of this one special.
- k) They lived 10 miles away.
- l) They saw the sanctuaries had a great part to play in boy's life.

- 3. See Samuel advance--"child," "young," "grew," "know the Lord."
- 4. Taught not to "do any unworthy deed or speak any unholy words."
- 5. Great thing to enjoy the blessing and approval of the good.
- 6. Elkanah's house did not think the gift of Samuel all they need to do--they kept serving.
- 7. Thus see the child prophet as God calls unlikely folk.
- 8. Made coat as age works for childhood.
- 9. One great thing is growth--God did not make a great Samuel all at once.

III. Now Eli

A. Facts

- 1. Good man.
- 2. Priest at Shiloh.
- 3. Did many great things.
- 4. From Ithamar--youngest son of Aaron, a Levite.

5. But faulty in rearing sons, Phinehas and Hophni.

B. Action of Sons corrupting the worship.

1. We name our sons Samuel--not Hophni--here's the reason.

2. Sons of Belial (worthless)
I Samuel 2:12 -- READ

3. Worship violation.

a) Legal rights of the priest toward offering.

b) Offerer kept part of it but they got what they wanted illegally.

c) Wave breast and right shoulder legally due priest but before taking it they were to consecrate offering to God by burning the fat on the altar.

Lev. 7:31-35 (READ)

d) People knew the law and resented violation of it.

e) They claimed larger part--robbed God, robbed the people, used force.

C. Results of worship violation.

1. People resented it.

2:17 "Therefore the sin of the young men"

v-24 "Ye make the Lord's people to transgress."

2. Why should I come if they are stealing it?

3. Tabernacle like a heathen temple--
1st worship violation, then adultery.

4. Rapacity of Eli's sons made men
abhor sacred rites. (Meyer)

5. Stop here to ask if our Christian inconsistencies cause men to shun God?

D. Eli had a mild rebuke.

2:22-25 (READ)

1. Harkened not.
2. Law stern about this.

Lev. 18:29 "For whosoever commit...cut off"
20:10 Adulterer put to death

Deut. 21:18-21 (READ)

3. Took no further steps to rebuke.
4. Osiers can never be pillars in church or state.
5. Sons did not listen.

Prov. 15:10 "He that hates reproof shall die"

6. Rest assured sin will be exposed-- news of it travels fast.
7. Can't allow it to continue.

2:29 "Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice"

8. Kick--what a violent steer does to get out of yoke.
9. Resented commands and honored sons above law.

10. Parenting is fragile business.

E. Violation of worship led to profanity, greed, adultery.

1. Did old age affect Eli?
2. Do we still pray for them?
3. Indulgence never produces gratitude or love in the heart of a child.

IV. Lessons Learned

A. In spite of all this Samuel grew up holy.

- B. Your righteousness & faithfulness gives your children an advantage.
- C. Privilege adds to our guilt.
- D. Hardening of the heart makes the punishment inevitable.
- E. Daddys, you have a heavy responsibility.