

Prayer Study #66

“FATHERS”

Exodus 20:12

For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have you not many fathers... 1st Corinthians 4:15a

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Four Primary Spiritual Laws from the Elijah House Ministry

1. ***Honor your father and mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you on the land which the Lord your God gives you.*** Deuteronomy 5:16, Ephesians 6:2-3, Exodus 20:12
2. ***Do not judge, lest you be judged yourselves.*** *For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it shall be measured to you.* Matthew 7:1-2, Luke 6:37-38
3. ***Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows, this he will also reap.*** *For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.* Galatians 6:7-8
4. ***Therefore you are without excuse, every man of you who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.*** (i.e. Judging others condemns us to blindly continue in the same sins, making us to that degree unable to avail ourselves of God's grace and healing). Romans 2:1

The Principle of Increase-(What we sow, good or evil, will come back to us multiplied.)
For they sow the wind, and they reap the whirlwind... Hosea 8:7a

Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop-a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Matthew 13:8

Scriptures Pertaining to Fathers

Hear, you children, the instruction of a father and attend to know understanding. Proverbs 4:1

Whosoever curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness. Proverbs 20:20

There is a generation that curses their father and does not bless their mother. This generation are pure in their own eyes and yet are not washed from their filthiness. Proverbs 29:11-12 (see Revelation 3:14-19 & 2nd Timothy 3:1-5)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor your father and mother(which is the first commandment with promise), that it may be well with thee and you may live long on the earth. And you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Ephesians 6:1-4

IMPORTANCE OF A FATHER

The Belmont Foundations(www.belmontfoundation.org)

63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes

85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes.

80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes.

71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes.

70% of youths in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes.

85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes.

From *Christian Herald*

1,299 descendents of Max Jutes, a horse thief

310 became vagrants

440 lived in debauchery

180 became prisoners(including 7 murderers)

100 were alcoholics

60 were habitual thieves

190 females were prostitutes.

1,400 descendents of Jonathan Edwards, a Christian minister

13 became college presidents

65 were professors

100 studied law(one was dean of a law school)

30 became judges

66 were physicians(one was dean of a medical school)

80 held public office

3 were United States Senators

3 became mayors of large cities

3 were elected governors

1 was Vice President of the United States

1 became Controller of the U.S. Treasury