

Eagle Mountain International Church

The Role of Godly Fathers

Pastor George Pearsons – Sunday, June 18, 2023

A. This Week in the News

1. The devil is overplaying his hand.
2. He is doing what he does best—trying to pervert the laws of God.
3. He is using people to do it.
4. The White House stepped over the line.
 - a. Sponsored a Gay Pride event!
 - b. The American flag hung unlawfully next to the other flag.
 - c. Children were in attendance—UNACCEPTABLE!
5. Public schools have stepped over the line.
 - a. A teacher forced students to watch Pride Month video.
 - b. The students didn't want to see it.
 - c. The teacher threatened them—UNACCEPTABLE!

B. Proverbs 22:28 (NLT)—Don't Move the Ancient Landmarks

1. Verse 28 (NLT) “Don't cheat your neighbor by moving the ancient boundary markers set up by previous generations.”
2. There is a push to take the responsibility of raising children from mothers and fathers and transfer it to the government.
3. There are people who want to indoctrinate our children with their progressive, socialistic, anti-God liberal ideology.
4. They want children to make decisions without parental consent.
5. **The devil, through people, is trying to pervert the ways of God.**

C. Acts 13:6-12—You Cannot Pervert the Ways of God and Get Away with It

1. Verses 6-12 (NKJV) “Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, **seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.** Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, ‘**O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of righteousness, will you not cease PERVERTING the straight (KJV = right) ways of the Lord?** And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.’ And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.”

2. ***Pervert* (GK = diastrepho [disastrous])**
 - a. **To distort, misinterpret, to morally corrupt, to turn away from the right path**
 - b. **To corrupt and alter what was first intended**
3. Don't try to pervert God's creation. It won't work.
4. God set an anointing upon mothers and fathers to train their children—not the government.
5. 1 Corinthians 4:14-16 (NLT) "I am not writing these things to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children. For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you. So I urge you to imitate me."
 - a. There are many teachers out there.
 - b. There is only one father.

D. Ephesians 6:4—The Role of Godly Fathers

1. Ephesians 6:4 (AMPC) "Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but **rear them [tenderly] in the training and disciple and the council and admonition of the Lord.**"
2. (MSG) "Fathers, don't frustrate your children by coming down hard on them. **Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.**"
3. **Fathers have the responsibility to help their children develop a mature relationship with them—how they relate to their earthly father affects how they will relate to their Heavenly Father.**
4. 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 "You witnessed my behavior, as did God—I was completely absorbed in God's will, full of integrity and beyond criticism. You remember how I **encouraged you, guided you and challenged you, like a father does his children to adopt a style of life that will reflect the standards of God** who has invited you into his family for the fulfillment of His purpose." – Ben Campbell Johnson, *The Heart of Paul—a Relational Paraphrase of the New Testament*, p. 158
5. Proverbs 1:8-9 (NIV-84) "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck."

E. A Parent's Responsibility

1. **It is a parent's responsibility to review their child's educational content.**
This includes content children are learning in schools, clubs and through outside speakers. Curriculum must be accessible online. Parents should receive notification when it is updated. Libraries must post a database of materials available to children and notify parents of updates.

2. **It is a parent’s responsibility to take the lead in decisions concerning their child.**
Parents have the right to meet educators in person concerning the education of their child. They also have the right to express disagreement with material being taught or pushed in America’s public schools. They have the right to stand against dangerous ideologies that contradict their religious beliefs. The right to do so must be protected by local, state, and federal authorities. Parents must be notified immediately if the child is experiencing stress due to external negative forces such as bullying, or access to drugs, alcohol, weapons, etc. Parents have the right to ask educators for assistance in protecting their child from these forces and to alert authorities of concerns.
3. **It is a parent’s responsibility to make decisions regarding their child’s medical care.**
Parents have the right to grant or deny permission before any medical treatment, immunization or medication is offered to their child, and, before any medical consultation or procedure regarding reproductive health, abortion, or transgender alteration.
4. **It is a parent’s responsibility to restrict sexual content shown to or made available to their child.**
Parents must be notified in advance and consent to any materials being presented to their child of a sexual or pornographic nature. Parents have the right to opt their child out of such instruction if it conflicts with their family values or religious beliefs.
5. **It is a parent’s responsibility to speak up on behalf of their child.**
Parents have a right to speak out and engage with their school administrators regarding any of the above. They have the right to request changes to school practice and policy. No concerned parent, grandparent, or guardian should be canceled, arrested, silenced, called a bigot, or labeled as a terrorist for speaking out against radical indoctrination in taxpayer-supported public schools.

Parents — mothers and fathers (not the government) — train up your children in the Biblical way they should live. When they grow up, they will not depart from what you taught them. – Proverbs 22:6 (PGT)