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# Introduction

Most of the parents of my generation had very little preparation for life. Tragically, the teen years, the time for making preparation for life, were spent playing sports, socializing, and being entertained. It doesn't have to be that way for the next generation. God's Word actually provides direction for parents wanting to help their teens grow into mature, prepared adults. If you are a young person living at home, you only have a few years left to get ready to enter marriage, have a family, and if a young man, establish yourself in a career path. What you do during this season of life, the teenage years, is going to impact the rest of your life.

This study guide has been put together to help teens and parents work through the different issues and ideas put forth in the correlating series, *Teenagers 101*. I hope this series and study guide will be an asset in furthering the kingdom of God by encouraging parents and teens to work together through this exciting time of the teenage years for God's glory.

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# chapter 1



## *Run to Win*



**Introduction: You have a race to run.**

### **Run to win. I Cor. 9:24**

1. Life is a \_\_\_\_\_ and each season of life is a lap.
2. Run this part of your race with a plan to win the \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Tim. 4:7-8
3. The mistakes: fix their eyes on themselves, then on the majority of runners who have dropped out of the race and disqualified themselves from the prize.

### **Run with self-control in *all things*. I Cor. 9:25**

1. Don't live a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
2. Paul told the Corinthians that the way to run a race to win the prize is to run with self-control in *all things*.
  - a. Restrain your *SELF* in *everything*.
  - b. Living for yourself will \_\_\_\_\_ you.

### **Run with an aim. I Cor. 9:26**

1. Run this season of life with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. This is not a time in life to bide time.
3. Purpose to gain the most from this time in life.
4. In everything you do, ask yourself this question: when I stand in the judgment before Jesus Christ, will this word or action result in greater \_\_\_\_\_ for me?

**Run with determination. Be determined not to disqualify yourself.**

**I Cor. 9:27-10:12**

1. Know the truth about God's judgment.
  - a. God's judgment is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. God's judgment is according to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. God's judgment is thorough: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Day of Judgment determines the degree of punishment for those who reject Christ. For those whose names are written in the Book of Life, the Day of Judgment is when eternal rewards, honor, and suffering of loss is determined.
3. We must all live with the awareness that what we do now is going to affect our eternal \_\_\_\_\_. It is possible to be saved, yet be disqualified from eternal rewards and happiness.
4. Paul warned of five things that will disqualify us in chapter 10. It is possible to be saved yet to fall from blessing even in heaven.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ evil things: worldly things that glorify evil.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ of having fun-self-gratification.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_: lack of self-control in the sexual area.
  - d. Don't test God's \_\_\_\_\_: presuming that God won't judge you because you are trying to do the right thing.
  - e. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ or complain during this season in life.
5. Rewards are based on \_\_\_\_\_ to opportunity and obedience (or self-control). Matt. 26:16-29; Heb. 10:2631

These years are important years of your race. You can disqualify yourself not only for future reward and eternal happiness, but from future reward and effectiveness in race.

**In summary I ask you:**

1. Are you running your race to win?
2. Are you running with self-control in everything?
3. Are you running with an aim, with purpose?
4. Are you determined not to disqualify yourself?
5. As you consider standing before Jesus Christ to give an account of these years, what words, attitudes, or actions need to be changed in order for you to win the prize?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. In what ways do you wish you had run the race differently in the previous laps in life?
2. What difference would it have made in the earlier seasons of life had you known what you know now?
3. As you consider standing before Jesus Christ to give an account of these years, what words, attitudes, or actions need to be changed in order for you to win the prize?

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4. He came offering eternal life in the kingdom of the heavens—NOW!
5. Consider the following verses about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom of the heavens and when it is entered.
  - a. One enters the kingdom of the heavens \_\_\_\_\_. Matt. 5:3, 10, 19; 13:11; 13:52; Phil. 3:20
  - b. The kingdom of the heavens is here in the space around us. Matt. 6:6, 9, 33; Acts 7:49; 17:24-28
  - c. The kingdom of the heavens is \_\_\_\_\_ when God opens one's eyes to see it. John 1:51; Acts 7:54-56; Acts 1:9-11; Matt. 17:2-8
6. What is the main thing this says to us?

**Being a disciple of Jesus is the way into the kingdom of the heavens.**

1. Jesus is the way into the kingdom of the heavens. John 14:6
2. The entrance into the kingdom is narrow: Matt. 7:13-14; 21-24
3. What are we to be about? Making disciples of the kingdom of the heavens. Matt. 28:18-20
4. How do we make disciples?

**Understanding the kingdom of the heavens NOW is motivation for holy living.**

1. God's throne fills the heavens.
2. The angels who minister to us are \_\_\_\_\_ and serving. Heb. 1:14
3. Those who have gone before us are \_\_\_\_\_ us. Heb. 12:1-2; 22-24; 11:39-40
4. Our minds are to be set in the kingdom of the heavens. Col. 3:1-7

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Who were the most influential teachers during your teen years?
2. What has been your perception of the kingdom of heaven? Where is it? When will you go there?
3. What influence will this message have on the way you live your life?
4. Who are you discipling in the kingdom of heaven?

**Study Notes.....**

# chapter 3



## *Preparing Your Teens for Life*



### **Introduction**

1. During this workshop, I would like to challenge your thinking on this subject of preparing your teens for the responsibilities of life--marriage, parenting, righteous living, dependable workmanship and work ethic, and loving relationships.
2. I would like to challenge your thinking in the following ways:
  1. What is your vision for your teen?
  2. What is God's way for teen preparation?
  3. What may hinder effective preparation?
  4. What are the major challenges?
  5. What are the rewards?

**What is your vision for your teen?** Titus 2:4-5 for daughters and 2:6-8 for sons.

1. Marriage preparation.
  - a. Your son
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Your daughter
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Both should learn
    1. The needs of their spouses.
    2. They must develop courage to face their own \_\_\_\_\_, to repent when convicted, to make difficult decisions, to stand alone against the culture.
    3. They need to understand \_\_\_\_\_ principles and vision principles.

4. They need to learn and practice various \_\_\_\_\_ according to their calling.
  5. They need to learn self-control of temper, emotions, and tongue.
  6. They need to learn God's vision for the sexual relationship (just prior to marriage).
2. Parenting preparation.

3. Vocational preparation of your teens.
- a. Sons

- b. Daughters

4. Ministry preparation--Teens

**What is God's way for teen preparation?**

1. For a son (The Calling Out of Sons, "Equipping Men")
  - a. The primary \_\_\_\_\_ is the father.
  - b. The mother and other family relationships are where the son \_\_\_\_\_ relational skills.
  - c. The men's fellowship at the church is where the son learns about how men relate, develops fellowship in Jesus Christ, and is trained to become a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of his home and church.
  - d. Vocationally, he will probably need training and education outside of the home. Monitor this carefully.

2. For a daughter (A Father and His Daughter, "Equipping Men")  
a. The father's role:

b. The mother's role:

**What may hinder effective preparation?**

**The Challenges**

**The Reward**

Discussion Questions:

1. Parents: What did you do to prepare for life when you were a teen?
2. What do you wish you would have done or not done?
3. Teens: What are you doing to prepare for life?
4. What are some things you can think of that would help prepare you better for life?
5. How can you work together with your parents to help prepare you for life?

**Study Notes.....**

# chapter 4



*I'm Old Enough to Make My Own Decisions!*



## **Introduction**

Is the right to make one's own decision a matter of age or sex?

1. In our western culture one can find many "authorities" who believe \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There are no references in the Bible to an \_\_\_\_\_ or an \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We also cannot say that since the Bible says nothing specific about when someone is old enough to not be responsible to his parents' leadership, he can do as he or she \_\_\_\_\_.
4. There is nothing with regard to whether a young man or woman has \_\_\_\_\_ responsibilities.
5. Bottom line: \_\_\_\_\_ have nothing to do with one's freedom to make his own decisions.

## **How can we know who has the right to make any decision?**

1. Knowing who has the right to make a decision involves the principle of jurisdiction. Luke 23:7; Rom. 7:1.
2. How does one "get" jurisdiction? It has to be...
  - a. The Bible teaches us \_\_\_\_\_ has jurisdiction over everything and He has given the right to speak over everything to His Son, \_\_\_\_\_. Phil. 2:10-11; Heb. 1:3; Acts 17:31; Col. 1:17. It is demonstrated when Jesus spoke to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The Bible also reveals this principle in a marriage. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the one God established as having jurisdiction. 1 Tim. 2:12-13; 1 Cor. 11:3; Gen. 3:9
  - c. In every institution God has established (marriage, family, church, and government) there is an order or a flow of His Word so there will not be confusion, chaos, and disorder.

1. God is a God of \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor. 14:33; James 3:13-17.
  2. Is there any Scripture indicating that a father/mother have jurisdiction over an adult son? Prov. 3:1-12; Prov. 6:20-24; Eph. 6:1-4
  3. Can you think of a Scripture teaching that fathers have no jurisdiction over a young adult son or daughter or that God's Word has rescinded such order?
3. The one who has jurisdiction has responsibilities clearly stated in the Scriptures.
- a. The one who has jurisdiction has the responsibility of \_\_\_\_\_ .
    1. We see this most clearly by the example of Jesus Christ. John 8:28-29.
    2. He must know the Word of God and be able to show its application to the situation. Deut. 6:5-9
    3. He is not free to decide according to what the culture or the majority of church members are saying nor can he bend under the pressure of lobbyists. 2 Kings 17:7-8
    4. He is responsible to teach, reprove, correct, train, and not exasperate. 2 Tim. 3:16; Col. 3:21
    5. The one who has jurisdiction has the responsibility at God's leading to give jurisdictional responsibility. 1 Cor. 7:36-38
  - b. Confusion and conflict often occur when jurisdiction has been given and then taken back.
  - c. What does a parent do when a teen will not submit himself to the leadership decisions of his parents?
    1. Begin with his relationship with God, not the presenting problem. Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 6:19
    2. Help them distinguish the difference between desire and obedience in decision-making. Rom. 14: 7-8. 2 Cor. 5:15. Use Christian decision-making tool.

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3. If they still choose to rebel, then apply biblical, loving discipline.
  - a. If they will receive the rod and reproof, give them in love. Prov. 22:15; 23:13; 29:15
  - b. If the young person will not repent and submit then apply. Matt. 18.
  
4. Problems rise when people ignore who has jurisdiction or the right and responsibility to make the decisions or give the vision.
  - a. What happens when fathers ignore their jurisdictional responsibilities before God?
  
  - b. What happens when young adults ignore or become stiff necked with regard to God's jurisdictional order?
    1. Satan brings \_\_\_\_\_ into their relationships. Ex. Adam and Eve, Saul, Israel, Solomon, the man in 1 Cor. 5.
    2. Satan steals their \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. They can expect \_\_\_\_\_ within themselves (guilt) and in relationships (parents, elders, other members of the body of Christ).
    4. They may ultimately be sent out \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Cor. 5:4-7; 7:14-15
  
  - c. What constitutes repentance?
    1. Confession to God that you have rejected \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_ or your parents by living for your own desires.
    2. Confession to your \_\_\_\_\_ for rejecting God's order and not honoring them as God's agents of sanctification in your life.
    3. \_\_\_\_\_ bitterness, anger, abusive speech, slander, and lying (Col. 3:7-8)
    4. Choose to submit yourself to God through their \_\_\_\_\_.

What truths should guide a young adult's relationship, words, and actions with his or her parents?

1. Truth #1: Your relationship with your father and mother is a \_\_\_\_\_ of your relationship with God. God's promise of

blessing is tied to how you honor your parents. Eph. 6:2; Prov. 3:5-6.

2. Truth #2: You are going to give an account in the judgment for every \_\_\_\_\_ . Rom. 14:12.
  
3. Truth #3: You belong to \_\_\_\_\_ and you cannot do what you \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Cor. 3:23; Gal. 5:24; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:20; Rom. 14:7-8
  
4. Truth #4: Your life is a testimony of the work of \_\_\_\_\_ who is sanctifying you through your parents. 2 Cor. 3:2-3; Prov. 3:1-7.
  
5. Truth #5: How you run this lap in life is going to impact the rest of the laps of life as well as your eternal rewards. Gal. 6:7-9; 2 Cor. 5:10.

Do pastors, elders, and brothers and sisters in Christ have any right to intervene and deliver a young adult from parents who do not approve of their young adult's choices?

1. What happens when pastors and elders ignore jurisdictional order on family matters?
  - a. Satan is given jurisdiction to breed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the family involved and the church body.
  - b. Because they have robbed the husband/father of his honor and ability to lead his family in peace, Satan may rob them of their \_\_\_\_\_ to lead the church family in peace. They will be judged as they have judged.
  
2. What should an elder/pastor do when a family conflict occurs and there is a difference of opinion between the parents and the young adult?
  - a. They are to speak the word of God ...
  - b. If there is flagrant public sin clearly forbidden by Scripture in a member of the body of Christ then they are responsible to judge and bring \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. They are to encourage and admonish the one who has jurisdiction in the family to walk according to the \_\_\_\_\_ he has on matters of service to God that are disputable (not clearly specified in Scripture).

3. Young people, if you have any fear of God, you \_\_\_\_\_ your parents to lead you and guide you according to what the \_\_\_\_\_ is leading them as best they can tell from \_\_\_\_\_.

A word to young adults who have not yet been born again or do not believe the Bible is the absolute truth and Word of God. Consider this:

1. The God of the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ, His son and your judge, are unique. There is none like them.

2. You are in darkness. Matt. 6:22-24; Prov. 28:26.

3. If you have not humbled your heart before God and His Word, you have made yourself god. Rom. 1: 18-20.

4. I ask you to consider repenting of your idolatry of yourself and turn your hearts to God through faith in Jesus Christ. Rom. 2:5-6.

**Decision Making Aid**

Heb. 11:24-27

**There are two ways to go:**

**Commandment Oriented**

What does *God* want?

Write out your answer

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Opts for present suffering in order to receive long-term pleasures.

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**Desire Oriented**

What do *I* want?

Write out your answer?

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Opts for present pleasure and forgets about long-term suffering.

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Your decision is an opportunity to "follow Jesus." Write out your decision.

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# chapter 5



## *Preparing for Christ-Centered Relationships*



### **Eight principles for Christ-centered relationships**

1. **The goal of all relationships is that they be Christ-centered.** Col. 2:6-8
  - a. The Bible teaches that your life philosophy is either \_\_\_\_\_ or Christ-centered, either man-pleasing or Christ-pleasing. 1 Th. 2:4; cf. Gal. 5:16ff
  - b. We are to approach this aspect of life the same way we came to Christ--by faith in His Word and \_\_\_\_\_ His Spirit.
  - c. Have you experienced any of the fruit of recreational dating?
  
2. **Treat one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord.** 1 Tim. 5:1-2
  
3. **Since fathers are responsible for their daughters' virginity and marriage, involve them in the process.** Deut. 22:20-22; 1 Cor. 7:36-38
  
4. **God's plan for young singles is undistracted devotion to the Lord.** 1 Cor. 7:32-35
  
5. **Holiness and honor are God's way to obtain a wife/husband.** 1 Thess. 4:1-4
  
6. **God has called believers to preserve the purity of future spouses and not take what is to be set apart to a brother or sister in Christ.** I Thess. 4:5-8

7. **Don't give any place in your heart or affections for someone who is not a believer in Christ.** 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1

8. **Guard your heart.** Prov. 4:23

### ***Suggestions for Fathers***

1. Protect your daughters from "wolves" (Deut. 22) and your sons from "harlots" (Prov. 6).
2. Give vision and hope during the teen years: devotion to the Lord, service, marriage and life skills, getting to know one's own spiritual strengths and weaknesses, learning what kind of person would make a good partner, and learning and practicing holiness and honor to a future spouse.
3. As you see your teen identify with Christ, allow Jesus to increase and you decrease in the decision making process.
4. Teach them the freedom of being led by the Holy Spirit in every season in life.

**There is a season for everything. Honor the seasons.** Eccl. 3:1, 5b

1. When is a young man ready to look?
  - a. His \_\_\_\_\_ is in Jesus Christ.
  - b. He has learned and practiced \_\_\_\_\_ to his father and mother.
  - c. He has demonstrated God's kind of love in his home and with others.
  - d. He is sound in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. He has leadership tools to lead a family.
  - f. He knows how to handle \_\_\_\_\_.
  - g. He can provide for a family.
  - h. He knows about women and their strengths and \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. When is a young lady ready?
  - a. Her \_\_\_\_\_ is in Jesus Christ.
  - b. She has learned and practiced submission to her father and mother.
  - c. She has demonstrated God's kind of love in her home and with others.
  - d. She is sound in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. She has skills to care for a home and family.
  - f. She knows about men and their \_\_\_\_\_.

**Study Notes.....**

# chapter 6



## *What About College?*



### **Introduction**

1. Why get a degree?
  - a. Keeps doors open
  - b. Better job opportunities
  - c. Higher pay
  - d. Benefits from self-discipline that come with studying
  - e. The learning experience, both educationally and mentally

Parents, why you shouldn't send your kids off to college

Young people, why you shouldn't go off to college

- a. Atmosphere, worldly influences - even in a Christian setting
  - b. Drugs/alcohol - peer pressure
  - c. Cost, cost, cost
  - d. Time, time, time
  - e. Worldly philosophies, ideas, teachings, and worldview
    1. Protecting your teen - make sure they know their identity, power source
    2. Make sure they know what they believe and can explain why
2. How I got my degree
    - a. Details and information

3. Application and advice

- a. Different types of schools that facilitate distance learning
  1. TESC
  2. Excelsior College
  3. Charter Oak State College
  4. Limits of these schools/limits of other schools

- b. Different types of correspondence courses
  - 1. Moody Bible Institute
  - 2. Internet courses
- c. Different types of exams
  - 1. CLEP - Explain and give information and advice
  - 2. Dantes - Ditto
  - 3. AP exams
  - 4. NY foreign language exam
  - 5. TECEP and Excelsior exams
  - 6. Ohio University exams
- 4. The Alternative - advantages and disadvantages
  - 1. Save money
  - 2. Save time
  - 3. Can accomplish from home
  - 4. More protection from the ungodly influences found at campuses
  - 5. Go at your own pace, whether fast or slow
  - 6. Can use past learning experiences or life experiences
  - 7. Learn self-discipline from self-study
  - 8. Allows for more time to do other things and learn other things
  - 9. Allows focus on a student's strength

How you can prepare your student for college

The importance of the early years and how your student studies

Different routes you can focus on or take: portfolio, exams, etc

Disadvantages

- 1. Social life?
- 2. But what about all the fun stuff at college, such as fraternities and sports teams?
- 3. You can't sleep through class and still get by.

Conclusion

## Helpful Links and Information

### *Universities/Colleges*

<http://www.tesc.edu/> - Thomas Edison State College

<http://www.excelsior.edu/> - Excelsior College

<http://www.charteroak.edu/> - Charter Oak State College

<http://www.moody.edu/> - Moody Bible Institute

### *Tests/Exams*

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html> - CLEP

<http://www.collegeboard.com/ap/students/index.html> - AP

<http://www.getcollegecredit.com/> - DSST (Dantes)

<http://www.tesc.edu/students/tecep/teceplist.php> - TECEP exam

[http://www.excelsior.edu/exams/xms\\_indx.htm](http://www.excelsior.edu/exams/xms_indx.htm) - Excelsior exams

<http://www.ohiou.edu/independent/ccecourse.htm> - Ohio University exams

<http://www.scps.nyu.edu> - New York University foreign language exams

### *Study Resources*

<http://www.barcharts.com/> - Quickstudy charts (Course summaries)

<http://www.rea.com> - Research and Education Association (Great resources for study books for CLEP and AP. Series called The Best Test Preparation for the CLEP is an extremely good resource)

<http://www.testbooksonline.com/clep.htm> - Some very helpful resources for CLEP study

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# chapter 7



*What's a Mom to Do With Teenage Sons?*



## **Introduction**

1. **First, what happens in a son around the age of 12 that changes the way he relates to his mother?**
  
2. **Second, what's a mother to do with her teenage son (or a husband)?**
  1. Pray daily for your husband's and your son's relationship with God and each other.
  
  2. Point your son to his father and to the Heavenly Father.
  
  3. Teach your son as an expression of his father's heart.
  
  4. Treat your son like a man, not a boy.
  
  5. Take an interest in your son's interests.

**Study Notes.....**

# chapter 8



## *Passing on the Blessings*



### Introduction

God's order for passing on blessing is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. God passes on blessings from one generation to another through a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship. Gen. 17:7, 9.
  - a. For covenant blessings to be passed on to Israel the fathers had to die to \_\_\_\_\_. Deut. 6:10-12
  - b. God passes on blessing from Himself to His Son to His people through a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship. Is. 53:10-12, Heb. 9:15; Eph. 1:18.
  - c. For covenant blessings to be passed on from God to His Son and then to His children, \_\_\_\_\_ had to occur.
  - d. What do we learn? A generation that doesn't die to \_\_\_\_\_ cannot pass on God's blessing.
  
2. God passes on blessings from one generation to another with a \_\_\_\_\_ of the covenant relationship. Gen. 17:10-14. Ex. 4:24-26
  - a. The sign is revealed in the relationship between the heavenly Father and His Sons. God \_\_\_\_\_ . Deut. 30:6
  - b. What is spiritual circumcision? It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart of flesh with its deeds through baptism into the death of Christ on the cross. Col. 2:11-14
  - c. How do you know if someone is in covenant with the God of the universe? They have been circumcised of \_\_\_\_\_.

- d. How do you know if someone is circumcised of heart? They are \_\_\_\_\_ the deeds of the flesh. Rom. 8:12-14; 17
- e. What do we learn? God's way of preparing heirs for their inheritance is through \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The relationship between the Heavenly Father and His children is a pattern for the relationship between an earthly father and his children. The father prepares the way of the Lord by \_\_\_\_\_ his children.

- a. How does a father "circumcise" his children? He disciplines them and leads them to the Heavenly Father for spiritual circumcision of their hearts. Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:7.
- b. What happens if the father doesn't deal with the flesh of his children?
  - i. The children go into their next callings in life without a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. The flesh \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. They marry and \_\_\_\_\_ may try to remove the hindrances of flesh.
  - iv. They may \_\_\_\_\_ and run to creature comforts.
  - v. Their children will point to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - vi. They may lose \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. The calling out of sons involves...
  - i. Teach the son about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. Give the son the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's plan.
  - iii. Warn the son about \_\_\_\_\_ if not received.
  - iv. Teach the wife the \_\_\_\_\_ role.
  - v. Perform the work under the \_\_\_\_\_ work.
  - vi. Lead your son to Jesus for the \_\_\_\_\_ work.
  - vii. Comfort your son until he's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - viii. Send him out in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. What happens if the mother takes the lead in this process? Ex. 4:24-26
  - i. The mother may become \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. With a son, she cannot deal with the flesh from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. The son may \_\_\_\_\_ to the mother.
  - iv. The son may \_\_\_\_\_ and run for comfort.
    - 1. To his father/mother who won't \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2. To the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh in this world.
    - 3. He'll protect his fleshly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- e. What happens if the father doesn't take up his responsibility? Heb. 12:6-11 No sign of the covenant, then no \_\_\_\_\_ . Deut. 23:2
- f. What if the father isn't around? The mother is the \_\_\_\_\_ to the father. She must lead her children to \_\_\_\_\_, and see herself as His helper. Ps. 68:5; 146:9

4. An analogy - Communism - Tradition in the U.S.

**The children of a generation of fathers who have covenant relationships will surpass the previous generation.**

Discussion Questions:

1. Share one hindrance of the flesh that wasn't dealt with when you were younger that your wife and children now deal with.
2. What was your response to your parents when they tried to lead you to remove flesh hindrances that needed to be put away?
3. What is your response to your wife when she starts to "cut" on a flesh weakness?
4. What is your heavenly Father dealing with now in your flesh that needs to be put to death so you can receive the blessings He wishes to give you?

**Study Notes.....**