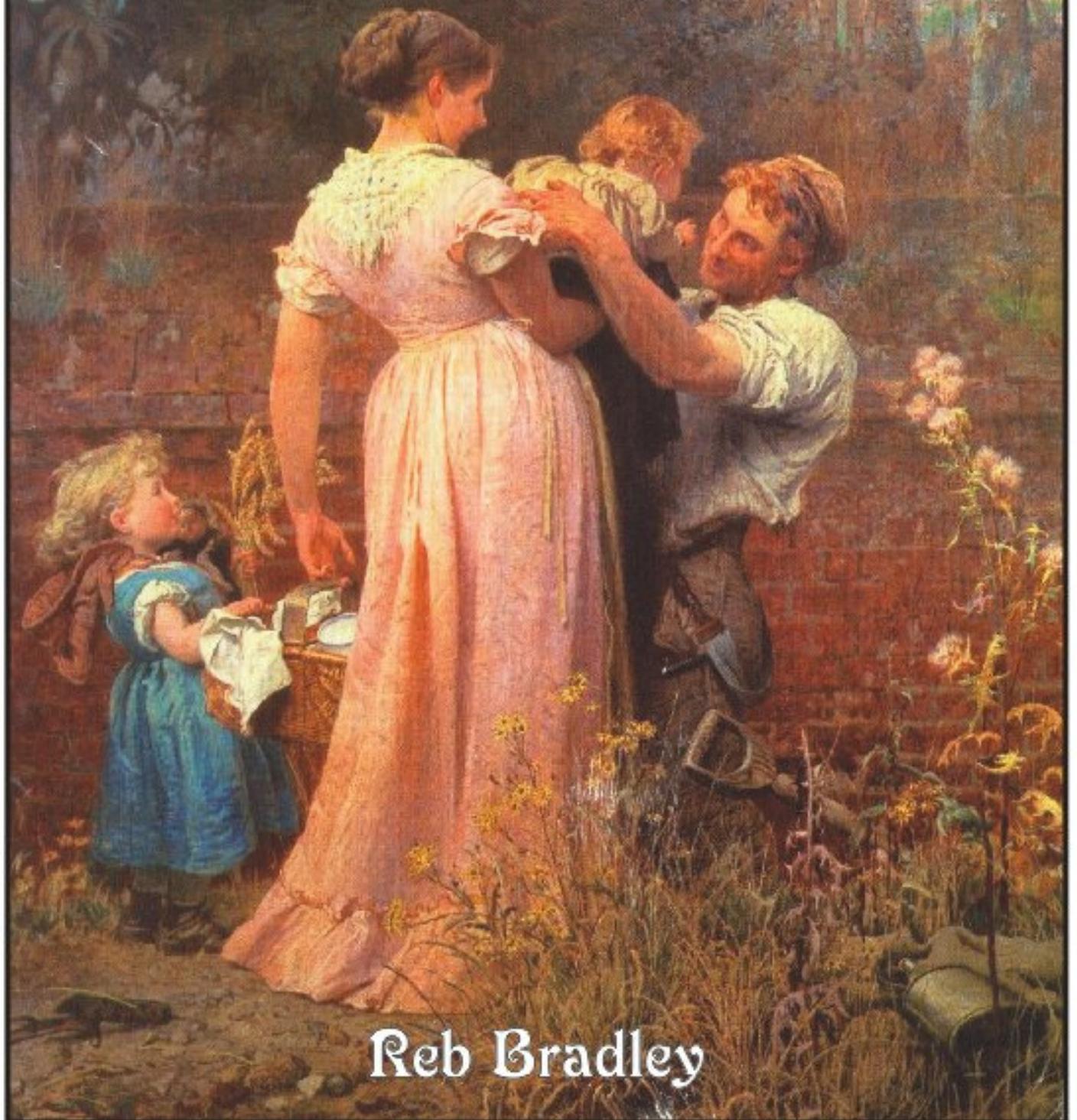


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1 Timothy 5:3-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1

## I. Season of Childhood -- preparation for manhood (Eph 6:4)

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ through training and discipline  
Prov 29:11, 20; 14:16; 21:20; 22:15; 26:11; 12:16, 23; 13:16
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is taught by parents  
Prov 4:1-2; 3:1; 7:2; 10:21; 29:15; 17:16; 18:2; 12:15
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ is part of the foundation  
Prov 17:16; 6:6; 24:30; 26:6; 26:16
- D. They learn to \_\_\_\_\_  
Deut 6:2, 6-9; 31:13; Ps 78:4-8; Joel 1:3; Judg 6:13; 2 Tim 3:15-16

## II. Season of Young Manhood

### A. God's purpose for giving singleness is to

*1 Cor 7:32 I would like you to **be free from concern**. An unmarried man is **concerned about the Lord's affairs**-- how he can please the Lord. 33 But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world--how he can please his wife -- 34 and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be **devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit**. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world--how she can please her husband. 35 I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but **that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord**.*

### 1. Young men should preoccupy themselves with

*Acts 2:17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your **young men will see visions**, your old men will dream dreams.*

*Acts 5:6 Then the **young men** came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him ... 10 ... Then the **young men** came in and, finding her dead, carried her out...*

*Num 11:28 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth ...*

### 2. Young men should NOT \_\_\_\_\_ themselves with

*Eccl 11:9 Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment. 10 So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body, for youth and vigor are meaningless. 1 Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"—*

*1 Cor 13:11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.*

*2 Tim 2:22 Flee the desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

B. Devotion to \_\_\_\_\_ is a young man's primary duty – before

*Mat 15:4 For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' 5 But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,' 6 he is not to 'honor his father ' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. 7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:*

C. Preparation and provision for \_\_\_\_\_ from parents

*John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

1. Young men should spend their youth becoming

*1 John 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, **young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.***

2. A young man looks to \_\_\_\_\_ for God's

Deu 5:16; Eph 6:1-3; 1 Sam 3:13-14; 8:3; 1 Kings 1:5-6; Luke 2:51; 15:11-32

3. Preparing for

a. Pursuing a

*1 Chr 5:18 "... trained for battle ..."*

*1 Chr 25:7 "... trained and skilled in music ..."*

*2 Chr 2:14 "... trained to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, stone and wood ..."*

b. Providing a

John 14:3; Deut 20:7; 28:30

*John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

c. Finding a

*Prov 18:22 He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.*

*Gen 28:6 ... **Isaac had blessed Jacob and had sent him ... to take a wife***

*Gen 29:18 Now Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "**I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.**" ... 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel ...*

d. Learning to be a \_\_\_\_\_ and

*John 5:19 ... the Son ... can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*

*Mat 5:48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

### III. Season of Marriage

#### A. Husband caring for his wife

1. Wife is

*1 Cor 7:33 But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world--how he can please his wife*

2. Headship means chiefly \_\_\_\_\_ and

*Eph 5:21-33; 6:5-8*

*Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior ... 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church*

3. Becoming \_\_\_\_\_ from the challenge

*Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **just as Christ** loved the church and gave himself up for her*

4. Family \_\_\_\_\_ is not a continuation of

#### B. Father caring for his children

*Eph 6:4 And, fathers ... bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and

*1 Tim 5:8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ and

*Prov 22:6; 1 Th 2:11-12; Gen 18:19; Deu 4:9; 6:7; Psa 78:3-4*

*Prov 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

*1 Th 2:11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, 12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.*

*Psa 127:3 Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him. 4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.*

3. Training children for

*Prov 1:8-16; 2:1; 3:1, 21; 4:1, 10, 20; 5:1, 7, 20; 6:1, 20; 7:12, 24; 8:32; 10:1, 5; 13:1; 15:20; 17:21, 25; 19:13, 26-27; 23:15, 19, 24-26; 24:21; 27:11; 28:7; 31:2*

*2 Chr 17:3 The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because in his early years **he walked in the ways his father David** had followed. He did not consult the Baals*

*2 Chr 34:1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. 2 He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and **walked in the ways of his father David**, not turning aside to the right or to the left.*

#### IV. Season of Ministry

##### A. All have spiritual

*Rom 12:6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.*

*1 Cor 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good ... 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

*Eph 4:11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up*

##### B. Gifts are not to be

*1 Tim 4:14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.*

*2 Tim 1:6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

*Rom 12:6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

##### C. Formal church leadership do not to family

*1 Tim 3:4 He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)*

##### D. Unlike the season of , ministry has seasons of

1. We cannot allow an unbalanced sense of to compel us to

JESUS -- Mat 8:18; 13:36; 3:17-4:1; Mark 4:35-36; 7:17; Luke 5:15; John 6:15

PAUL -- Gal 1:17-18

MOSES -- Ex 7:7; Acts 7:23-25

2. God values and

Deut 5:12-14; Matt 11:28-30

## A FATHER'S WISDOM FOR HIS SONS

*Prov 1:8 Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.*

*2:1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,*

*3:1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,*

*3:21 My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight;*

*4:1 Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding.*

*4:10 Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.*

*4:20 My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words.*

*5:1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight,*

*5:7 Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say.*

*6:20 My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching.*

*7:1 My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you.*

*7:24 Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say.*

*8:32 "Now then, my sons, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways.*

*13:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.*

*19:27 Stop listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.*

*23:19 Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path.*

*23:24 The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him.*

*25 May your father and mother be glad; may she who gave you birth rejoice! 26 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways,*

*27:11 Be wise, my son, and bring joy to my heart; then I can answer anyone who treats me with contempt.*

*28:7 He who keeps the law is a discerning son, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father.*

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