



Last week we looked at the first part of Ephesians 6:4, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath:" - an eye-opening text that revealed many positive and _____ implications. Today's message is a parenthesis between parts one and two. This morning we will examine the _____ of the fathers and how this is relevant to our Ephesians text.

EPHESIANS 6:4 - The sins of the father

1. Understanding the sins of the father - Exodus 20:5-6; 34:7; Nu. 14:18; Deut. 5:9

a. Lot and his daughters

- Genesis 13:8-13 - Lot compromised for personal _____...
- Genesis 19:1 - Lot compromised for _____ and power...
- Genesis 19:2-30 - Lot's conscience was _____...
- Genesis 19:31-36 - The consequences of his sin was _____ in his daughters...

Warning: Lot likely considered himself to be a man of _____ while living in Sodom. By comparing himself with the sinfulness around him he probably thought he was a pretty _____ man - 2 Cor. 10:12; 2 Peter 2:7

b. Jacob and his children

- Genesis 27:1-29 - Jacob was favored by his mother; she taught him to _____ and to shift blame...
- Genesis 25:29-34; 27:18-27 - Consequently Jacob was a _____...
- Genesis 33:2; 37:3-4; 44:19-30 - Jacob clearly _____ his mother's favoritism...
- Genesis 37-50 - The consequences of his sin was _____ in his children...



c. Other examples:

- Eli and his sons – 1 Samuel 2:12-17; 22, 23-25, 26-36; 3:1-3; 4-7, 13; 4:11, 18, 20-22

Eli the priest had lost his perspective of and desire for God. Therefore, his sons grew up lost and apathetic toward the work of the Lord. They were ultimately killed after losing the ark of God to the enemy. Their lineage would bear the name: Ichabod – the glory of the Lord is departed.

- Aaron and his sons – Exodus 28:2, 4, 29, 36-38, 42-43; 32:1-3; Nu. 12:1-8; Lev. 10:1-2

Aaron, as a the high priest and minister of righteousness, at times exhibited rebellion toward God. He said and did things unbecoming of his leadership role. Ultimately his sons were proud and self-willed with no regard for authority. They were ultimately killed for violating the law.

- Achan and his lineage – Joshua 7

Achan violated the commandment of God by wrongly taking spoils from the enemy camp at Ai and hiding them under his tent. His disobedience, greed, and deception caused the stoning death and cremation of himself, his sons and daughters.

2. What to do about it

- a. Understand the _____ – Proverbs 1:1-9

- The cost of sin is high – What we do in moderation, our children will likely do in _____. In order to tolerate my sin, my children must learn to tolerate it in others; ultimately they will be prone to repeat the same sinful behavior.
- Bitterness adds to any problem – Do not hold a grudge toward your parent(s). Their sins, wrongdoings and shortcomings can also be traced back in the family lineage. _____ them and move forward with God – 2 Cor. 2:7-8; Philippians 3:13-14

- b. Be open and _____ with your children about your shortcomings; accept full responsibility for your sinful behavior. Clearly demonstrate correction and your willingness to _____ – 2 Cor. 13:7-8; Phil. 4:9

- c. Memorize scripture concerning your _____ sin or hindrance – Ps. 119:9-11; 2 Cor. 10:3-6

- d. Do _____ compromise – Psalm 1:1; Romans 12:9; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Ephesians 5:11

- Beware – be aware and on guard at _____ times – Colossians 2:8