

The Duties of The Priest

Part 14

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (1Peter 2:9)

The father and the mother of every family are the royal priests who are called by the Lord to lead their family and their children in righteousness. As well as each and every family is a local congregation that composing the church. And since there is rules and discipline in the church there should be rules and discipline in the family.

“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 4:6) We need to keep the atmosphere of the children away from temptations and wrong things that might cause our children to stumble and fall into sin. Friends, the opposite gender, TV, internet and the web, facebook, mobiles, public schools all can be the source of temptations for our children to know and exposed to evil and fall in sin. The parents who allow their children to expose to all the above temptations they are the one responsible of letting their children fall into sin. And when they realized that their children are already doing wrong from what they learned and exposed to, and when they will put the discipline and restrain them from going out with friends and watching TV, surfing the net or using mobiles, the children will rebel to the parents commands and instructions.

Therefore from the beginning we need not to direct our children to all the above resources of temptations. Instead we need to raise them up in the training and the instruction of the lord. We apply the word of God in our homes, we school them at home, we play with them and they go out with us. We show them the right thing and teach them to do what is right. As well as we show them what is wrong and teach them not to do it.

The children are not like adult. Children are unable to differentiate what is wrong from right; we adult should show them the right from the wrong. Children are unable to filter the wrong from the right; we need to do that for them until they are able to do that for themselves. Children are unable to protect themselves therefore we adults should do that for them. Children therefore will not be able to face temptations that lead to sin, therefore we should protect them from them and not allow them to be exposed to the world unless they are able and trained to face and overcome. We need to be with them along the way until they are trained and spiritually fit to overcome the world.

We need to release the authority to them gradually. Our computers, laptops, mobiles, money and wallets, cars are all authorities and if we allow our children to use all these things prematurely that will cause them to sin. And when we will start to withhold these things from them they will resent because we already gave them the full freedom to use them.

You may give your child a small amount of money that he can handle to buy him a sweet, but your child will not be able to handle correctly a large amount of money. If you give a large amount of money and give him the freedom to purchase what he likes, or to do with it what he wants then most likely he will do something wrong with the big money that you gave him and he will harm himself. As well as if you give to your child whatever he is

asking you and allow him to do whatever he likes then you are releasing to him the full authority in a time that he is not ready to handle that safely.

Some children they are not careful about their dress, shoes, beds, food or their toys to preserve them. And when any of their belonging loss or spoil they will say no problem because my father or my mother will replace that to me. That it means they have not taught the principle of the stewardship and they had given the full authority and access to the money of their parents. If they will grow in such a way then when they are old they will do the same with you and exhaust all your resources. Even when they are old they will not be able to use the money and all their resources properly.

If you allow your child to approach and use your computer and laptop then he may go to bad sites or use them for games that will corrupt and occupied his mind. These are dangerous things and your child is not yet ready to handle all that safely and sure will harm himself.

Sure you will not allow your child to approach and drive your car because he will do accidents and harm himself. As well as you will not allow your child to walk along the way alone because he might be hit by a car and got harmed. In the same way allowing your child to have free access to computers, TV, internet, web sites, mobiles, money and other sources of power, he might not be harmed physically but spiritually he will be exposed to temptation and fall in sin and will be brought up in a wrong way and bad attitude.

We need to put limitations and borders that our children should not cross. We need to put password for laptops and computers to control our children and to protect them from hazards. As you lock your doors so your child will not go to the street alone, in the same way put password to your computer or laptop so that your child will not be exposed to danger.

Limits need to be put on how much you need to spend on the children. For example parents should train their children to brush their teeth after every meal so they will not have dental cares. Therefore parents should train their children that their budget is to provide food for them to eat and grow, as well as there is a budget for tooth paste and brushes to brush their teeth, but they should make it clear that there is no budget to go to dentist if they are careless to brush their teeth.

We are responsible to provide clothes, shoes and some toys for our children and teaching them to care for their things carefully. But we need also to teach them that we are not going to replace them the spoil things of all that if they are careless to preserve their things. A child who carelessly breaks his toys should not be rewarded with another one at once.

My Dear and Beloved: God will teach you more about that and how to handle wisely your children. As well as the Holy Spirit will show you more personal and precise things in the life of your children and will teach you how you will train them in the fear and the ways of the lord as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal. Lord teaches me more of your ways and helps me to handle my children and nurture them and raise them up in the fear of you. LORD gives me the strength, the perseverance and the wisdom to do, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*