

The Duties of The Priest

Part 15

“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 in raising up their children they need to be firm in showing them that there is no compromises in dealing with sins and shortcomings. Our children should realize that what they will sow, then that what they will reap. ⁷*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.” (Galatians 6:6-7)* We should really work with the LORD in applying the sowing and reaping principle in their lives. If our children do well and follow the instruction of the word of God that we give them then they will receive a reward. Every obedient and good action of our children they will be rewarded for it by recognizing and appreciating it. And every disobedient and rebellious action needs to be punished and dealt with properly and on the spot.

Sometimes the LORD himself is the one who is finding out the sins of our children and exposing them to us to deal with them properly. In such a way we should stand with the LORD and agree to do for Him what He imply for us to apply of discipline in the life of our children.

As well as there are occasions that the LORD Himself is dealing with the shortcomings of our children, in such situations we should not interfere and relief the child from the hand of God as we realize that the LORD is disciplining him/her. Our children who are born again Christian they are God’s children and the LORD will discipline them as a father discipline to correct his children. God discipline our children directly and He does that by delegating them to us as parents to discipline them.

The discipline should be directed toward and to combat sin, ⁴*In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.” (Hebrews 12:4)* It is a struggle for our children to overcome sin and a struggle to keep rules and border lines. But we need to persevere with the LORD to discipline and disciple our children so they will overcome.

1- Discipline is ordained from God: As God discipline us to correct us, we as parents are called to discipline our children in order to correct them. ⁵*And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” (Hebrews 12:5-6)* As we discipline our children to combat sin in their lives that will not be taken as negative things by them, and they will not take that lightly. We are called to discipline our children because we are grieving the sin that they are doing being our children.

2- Through discipline our children will feel our true love for them: *“He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.” (Proverbs 13:24)* As you do your part for God to discipline your child, the LORD Himself will speak to your

child and convince him/her to follow your instruction that comes from the word of God. As well as the LORD will impress on the life of your children the value of your discipline to them as part of your acceptance to them as your own children as you can read here: ⁷*Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.” (Hebrews 12:7-8)*

3- Discipline causes our children to respect us and revere us: ⁹*Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!”(Hebrews 12:9)* In every occasion that you discipline your child to correct him, to refrain from doing sin, or in teaching him how to live and be good steward to what the LORD had entrusted to him that will cause your child to respect you and appreciate all your effort to train him in the way of righteousness.

4- Discipline is a best thing we can do for our children, for discipline impart holiness in the life of the children: ¹⁰*Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.” (Hebrews 12:10)* Discipline teaches obedience. The writer of Hebrews wrote about Jesus in *Hebrews 5:8 the following: “Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered.”* Jesus suffering imparts obedience in His life. In the same way our discipline for our children will bring suffering into their physical bodies and that suffering will impart obedience and holiness in their lives.

5- Discipline needs to be painful to impart righteousness and peace: ¹¹*No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” (Hebrews 12:11)* The rod is recommended to be used to discipline our children as the bible tells us, *“Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.” (Proverbs 22:15)* Disobedience and reluctant to do what is right and rgood is foolishness, and for that the rod of correction needed in order to drive out foolishness away. *“A whip for the horse, a halter for the donkey, and a rod for the backs of fools!” (Proverbs 26:3)* The rod will drive away foolishness and will make the child get rid of his sin and foolishness and live in peace. Children without discipline they are agitated because of the effect of the sin in their lives but once they receive discipline for whatever foolish behavior then we can immediately see the child is in peace after the session of chastisement.

My Dear and Beloved: ¹²*Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.” (Hebrews 12:12-13)* Don’t be afraid to discipline your children, they will do well and they will get healed and recovered as suffering and chastisement will bring obedience and healing in their lives 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 I commit myself to follow your degrees and commands by disciplining my children with a rod so that his/her foolishness will move away from him and have righteousness and peace. Lord teaches me more of your ways and gives me perseverance how to do your commands correctly. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*