

The Oologah Informer

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Loneliness (Genesis 2:18)

PM Sermon:

The 7 "I AM" sayings of Christ
"I am the Bread of Life"
(John 6:35)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The book of Judges – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

TBA

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

The Role of Husbands & Fathers **A Serious Responsibility** **By Bill Goring**

In the beginning God created them male and female (Genesis 1:27). The man was delegated as the head of his home; to watch over, to love and protect his wife. Ephesians 5:25 says, "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it." Again, wives are told to be in subjection to their own husbands as unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:22). This is God's divine order. When individuals comply with this divine order, our Heavenly Father is pleased. The role of husband is not to be taken lightly, for upon it, hinges the path of the family. He is to be the leader in the home; the spiritual guide. Ephesians 5:28 teaches he is to love his wife as his own body. We can see what a serious responsibility a husband has toward his wife.

Also even as great as that is the duty that men have toward their children. Children are a blessing from God Almighty, who was quite specific about how he wanted His little ones reared. God wanted His commandments, statutes, and judgments taught to the little ones on a daily basis. In Deuteronomy 11:19-20 we read, "And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates." This scriptural information should be the example we follow as we endeavor to teach and rear our children in the way of the Lord.

It would be a wonderful thing if it could be said of all fathers as it was said of father Abraham: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (Genesis 18:19). This should and would be said of every father if he were obeying the will of God as it relates to him concerning his parental responsibility in bringing up his children in the way God would have them reared and taught.

Fathers are taught their responsibilities by the apostle Paul. In Ephesians 6:4 we read, "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." A grave responsibility rests upon the shoulders of all fathers. I believe that the word "bring" in this passage needs to be emphasized, because it suggests parental examples. Some fathers do little more than bring the children into the world and bring the money home for their livelihood. This is not pleasing to God. Fathers are to be the heads of families, leading the way in obedience to all of God's commandments.

Examples should be forthcoming from all parents who strive to bring their children up in the way of the Lord. Every informed person will agree that we train or teach our children more easily when we give them examples to follow.

The home must not be under-emphasized in the giving of direction to our young people. "Children obey your parents in the Lord. And ye fathers, provoke

not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:1-4). Parents are going to give direction to their children — either the right kind or the wrong kind. Fathers, let us pray that we fulfill this sacred trust. Let us as husbands and fathers be what the Lord would have us to be.