

**BUILDING GODLY FAMILIES**  
**OUR CHILDREN**  
**Lesson 7 – Part B**

**Introduction** – I am convinced that when determining the strength and success of a local church, one of the barometers of measurement that God uses are the families of the church. How strong are they? How godly are they? In part A of this lesson, we focused on “*Building Godly Marriages*”. In part B we want to focus on “*Raising Godly Children*”.

**\*IN THIS CLASS WE WILL DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING POINTS...**

- The Importance of The Family
- The Importance of Passing the Baton
- The “5 C’s” We Must Pass On To Our Children

***Psalms 127:3 – “Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him.”***

**1. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY**

**A. JESUS SHOWED US IT’S IMPORTANCE**

*John 19:25-27 - 25“Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother ... 26When Jesus saw His mother there and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, ‘Dear woman, here is your son,’ 27and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.”*

**2. THE IMPORTANCE OF PASSING THE BATON**

**A. FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE FAITH**

- The continuance of Christianity depends upon this
- Your child’s eternity depends upon this

**B. FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF GOD’S BLESSING**

*\*Ill of “The Book of Judges”*

**C. FOR A CONTINUING TESTIMONY & WITNESS**

*\*2 Tim 2:1-2 – 1“**You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses **entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.**”***

**3. THE “5 C’s” WE MUST PASS ON TO OUR CHILDREN**

**Teach Your Children by Graham Nash**

Teach your children well  
Their father's hell did slowly go by  
And feed them on your dreams  
The ones they pick are the ones you'll know by

Don't you ever ask them why  
If they told you, you would cry

So just look at them and sigh  
And know they love you.

*\*Ps 127:3 – “Sons are a **heritage (gift, assignment)** from the Lord, children a **reward...**”*

**A. CREED (BELIEFS)**

*\*Deut 6:6-7 – 6”These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7**Impress them** upon your children. **Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.**”*

- Why is it so important to pass on your beliefs?

**B. CONDUCT (EXAMPLE)**

*\*1 Cor 11:1 – “Follow my **example** as I follow the example of Christ.”*

- Why is an example so powerful?

**C. CHARACTER (WHO WE REALLY ARE)**

*\*Romans 8:29 – “For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the **likeness of His Son...**”*

- What’s the difference between conduct and character?
- Who, other than God, has the best chance to know our true character?

**D. COMMITMENT (PRIORITIES)**

*\*Mt 6:33 – “**But seek first His Kingdom...**”*

*\*Phil 3:13-14 – “**But one thing I do ... I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**”*

*\*Acts 2:42 – “**They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**”*

- What priorities do your children see in your life?
- What stats did Pastor Rich share that showed how important it is for both Dad & Mom to be faithful in fellowshiping with the saints?

**E. CARE (LOVE)**

*\*Mt 6:33 – “**And He (Jesus) took the children in His arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.**”*

- How important is love in your relationship with your children?
- How important is touch in your relationship with your children?

**CONCLUSION:** The most important title (and ministry) you and I will ever hold is “dad” and “mom”. If we fail here, then we have failed indeed!