

# **Adorning the Doctrine of God in Parenting**

How to Avoid the Parenting Trap





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# The Puzzles Observed

## Puzzle # 1 The Lost Son

Why would a man divide his inheritance before he was dead?

*Luk 15:11-12 And he said, A certain man had two sons: (12) And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.*



## The Puzzles Observed

### Puzzle # 2 12 Year-old Jesus Visiting the Temple.

Did Jesus honor his father and mother by intentionally remaining behind?

*Luk 2:48-49 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. (49) And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?*



# The Principle Explained

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*Gal 3:23-29 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. (24) Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. (25) But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. (26) For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (29) And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

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*Gal 4:1-7 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; (2) But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. (3) Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: (4) But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (5) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. (6) And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. (7) Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*



# The Principle Explained

Notice the role of the **pedagogue** or schoolmaster. 3:24

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Notice the role of the **child**. 4:1

Notice the role of the **father**. 4:2

- A biblical heir already has his possession, though it is not fully divided out.
- A biblical heir does not wait 'til his father's death to participate in family affairs.



## The Principle Applied (to Dad)

These biblical dynamics may be applied to parenting.

We adorn the doctrine of God when our actions correspond to His in parenting.

The first duty of the parent is to command and instruct the younger child.

The second duty of the parent is to adopt his teen.

Dad should take the lead in this process.



# The Problem Resolved

Was Jesus disrespectful to his parents?

Mary said “...son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?”

Jesus was not being challenged for disobedience. This was a request for clarification from her son.

Jesus was assuming the duties of His heavenly sonship as he began to be about *His Father’s business*.

Keep in mind, while Jesus honored his earthly parents, Joseph was not his biological father.



## Let's Sum this Up

- 1.) As a believer, your heavenly Father wants you to assume your full role as a son of God.
- 2.) Do not abuse your sonship (as the prodigal did), but determine to be about your Father's business.
- 3.) Learn to adopt your children by conferring the privileges and responsibilities on sonship on them.

## Not a Christian?

Don't let this moment slip past you!

Understand that you are a sinner and in need of a Saviour. (Romans 6:23, 3:23)

Understand that Jesus is the only way. He shed His blood, was buried and raised from the dead to save you, personally. (Romans 10:9 & 10)

Receive this wonderful gift by faith and be born into God's family. (John 1:12)

**Step 1**  
Become a member of God's family through Christ!

Step 2  
Learn more about your family privileges and responsibilities!

Step 3  
Apply these principles to your youth. It's never too late to start!