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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST" - JOHN 4:35

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. . . A pleasant greeting to all the listeners of radio station XEG. This is Willie Murphey coming to you with another gospel message which we hope will bring cheer and comfort and help you along life's pathway.

We do appreciate your encouraging letters which you have written and your prayers and support which have helped us maintain this weekly broadcast. Those who desire to write us may address their letter in this way: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

I have a text which I consider a very important one. If all the parents would follow the instructions of this scripture in Ephesians 6:4, I am sure that the world would be a much better place in which to live. I am sure that many of the evils committed by the young people could and would be avoided as a result of the teaching of their parents.

Listen as I read to you this verse, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but

BRING THEM UP IN THE NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD."

Now really, what I want you parents to do for the next few minutes is to consider your duty in regard to your children. There falls a solemn obligation upon each parent the moment a new child is born into the world. This obligation is first to God and then to the child. Therefore, we would do well to keep ourselves informed of our duties to our children.

We notice then from our text that it is the duty of fathers to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In other words, the children should be taught their obligations and privileges of serving God. Fathers should not use their children as a source of entertainment for themselves even at the expense and happiness of

their children. Children are not to be picked at and tormented until they feel that even their own parents are against them.

Listen to this instruction for the young women from Titus 2:4. We read, "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children."

Yes, how true it is, my friend, that many of us today who has assumed the responsibilities of manhood and womanhood can look back over the years and now realize how much we owe to the invaluable instructions given us by our parents.

Listen to this poem entitled:

AN ECHO OF THE YEARS

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me--"
 Mother sang it long ago,
 Sang it low and soothingly,
 Rocking in the afterglow.
 Sang it to me as I slept
 In my snowy trundle-bed,
 As the lengthening shadows crept
 Eerie-like about my head.

"Let me hide myself in Thee--"
 Still I hear it echo there,
 As she sang it o'er to me,
 From her swaying rocking chair;
 And I am a boy again,
 As so sweetly back along
 Distant years I catch the strain
 Of that old familiar song.

"Other refuge have I none--"
 Often in the long, long years
 I have missed the touch of one
 Who could soothe my doubts and fears.
 One to whom I used to go
 With each boyish grief and care.
 Sometimes in the afterglow,
 I catch glimpses of her there.

"Rock of Ages--" and I feel
 Mother's arm about me pressed,
 As to her embrace I'd steal
 To be rocked away to rest.
 Dreamy-like once more I hear
 Softly, gently, soothingly,
 That faint echo in my ear:
 "Let me hide myself in Thee."

I like the thoughts expressed in that poem. I believe that if a child can be made to realize that it is wanted and loved by its parents, it will be of great assistance to him in the years ahead as he grows older to face a cold and unfriendly world. It will help to stabilize his life from the winds of adversity which sweep so many over the precipice of a wrecked and ruined life.

Proverbs 22:6 tells us that we should
 "Train up a child in the way he should

go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Fathers and mothers, parents, let me speak to you with an open heart. Let me ask you this question. "Are you taking the time to instruct your boys and girls, your sons and daughters, in the way you wish them to live in life? Are you so busy with your own affairs that you are glad when the boys and girls are out of your way?"

If so, then it would be well for you to listen while I read this scripture from Deuteronomy 10:18-19. "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. 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."

Let me show you another duty of parents. As they train and instruct their children in the ways of God, they should not fail to correct them when they need it. If correction was made at an early stage in life, it would save the law enforcement officers much trouble in later years as the child grows older.

Listen to this scripture in Proverbs 19:18. "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."

Again in Proverbs 29:17 we read, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

Now I do not mean that parents should beat their children unmercifully just because they themselves are angry. I believe correction should be done

with the spirit of humility, realizing our obligation before God. In fact, it might be well as you counsel your son and correct him to also join in prayer together with him that God may be the helper of each one.

If you will read Psalms 103:13, I believe you will better understand what I mean. It says here, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him."

You see, it is also our duty to pray for our children. King David realized the great responsibility falling upon the shoulders of his son Solomon. Listen to his prayer from I Chronicles 29:19. "And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statues, and to do all these things and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision."

Friends, if you fail along these lines, it is quite possible that in the years to come you will feel remorse and regret that you took not more time with your sons and daughters. Listen to this poem entitled:

OMISSIONS

It is not so much the things I do
That causes me regret;
It's the little things I leave undone,
The things that I forget.

It's the words I fail to utter,
The songs I fail to sing,
The letters I forget to write,
That may great comfort bring.

It's the little acts of kindness,
The joy I fail to give,
The smiles I fail to scatter,
As day by day I live.

It's the sick I fail to visit,
Flowers I fail to send;

It's the hand I fail to offer
Unto a fallen friend.

It's not so much the things I do
That causes me regret;
It's the little things I leave undone,
The things that I forget.

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Shall we spend a moment in prayer?

Our Father,

Bless all the parents, the fathers and mothers, who are listening to this broadcast. Help them to meet the challenge which God has given to every parent. May they teach and train their children in the ways of God that the citizens of our land of tomorrow may carry on the commission which you have left for your people, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Listen now to the song, "Blest Rock of Ages" as sung by Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett Carver, and Manual Mitchell.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Until next Friday night at 10:45, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings rest and abide with each one of you and a very pleasant goodnight!

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TWELVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

The value of time
The success of perseverance
The pleasure of working
The dignity of simplicity
The worth of character
The power of example
The influence of life
The obligation of duty
The wisdom of economy
The virtue of patience
The improvement of talent
The joy of originating

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Our sympathy is extended to the loved ones and relatives of Charley Barber whose funeral was held in Anthony, Kansas, February 11. Prayer is also requested for his wife, Sister Grace, who is very sick.

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From Oklahoma: ". . . I am yet saved and living for the dear Lord to all I understand and know. Praise His holy name! . . . I truly need your prayers that I ever stay true and work for Jesus . . ."

--Sarah F. Brown

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From West Virginia: ". . . I would like for all the saints to pray for my brother. He has a breaking out on his arms and legs, and they are swollen. My son is in the hospital--been operated on. . . Please pray for him and his wife too. She is sick and they have 3 little children. . ."

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"Dear Bro. Willie and family, I just finished reading the little Mission Trail, so just felt it my duty to tell you I really enjoyed reading the message, 'The Field of the Slothful' . . .

"The Lord blessed us to visit the saints at Zion Hill and be with them in meeting last Wednesday night. We were thankful to see a few still hold-

ing fast. We spent the night with Bro. and Sis. Loftis. Thursday, they and we visited their daughter in Little Rock whose little son had been very ill with scarlet fever, but the dear Lord healed the boy, and he was up playing. . .

"This week-end we went to Myrtle, Missouri for the all day meeting. We were so happy to see Bro. and Sister Abbott, also Bro. and Sis. Murphy Allen and family. There was a nice gathering, and the Lord blessed the service. . .

"Sister Bessie Sorrell had been real sick again, but the Lord heard prayer, and she was able to attend all three services. Let us all keep praying for her.

"The saints here at Grubbs are making good progress in the Lord. Our hearts are greatly encouraged. Bro. and Sis. Leslie Busbee came Jan. the 22nd and were with us five nights, and it was just wonderful. The Lord gave him the messages and told him to take them to Grubbs. It was real effective, and some were restored back to God that had given up. Others sought for courage, boldness to work for the Lord. Praise His name! May God bless his work everywhere. Yours for lost souls," --Albert and Margaret Eck, Box 352, Swifton, Arkansas 72471

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