Does It Take A Village? (2001 Mar 11)

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INTRODUCTION

- It is recognized in this country by people on both sides that we are living in a time where our children are neglected.
- Because parents are so busy, and because in the vast majority of families today, both mom and dad are working, children are being neglected.
- Society can't fix it. No government program can do it. The problem we're facing with our neglected children can only be solved by addressing those to whom God has given the responsibility for children.

1 Parents Are Responsible for Raising Their Children

Deuteronomy 6:1–9; Proverbs 1:8; Ephesians 6:4

- Parents are responsible for raising their children. And the only way we will reverse the trends of neglect is by getting parents to take care of that responsibility.
- And you shall teach them diligently to your sons, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.
- Do not provoke your children to anger. but bring them up in the discipline and the instruction of the Lord.
- That's a responsibility that God did not lay at the feet of the village or at the feet of society, or even at the feet of the church, but at the feet of parents.
- God's word needs to permeate the atmosphere of our homes.
- We need to avoid getting so busy and caught up in the urgent rush of this life that we neglect the spiritual training that we need to be doing for our children.

2 The Village Has a Part in That Too

Galatians 6:1; Titus 2:3–5; Proverbs 13:18

- It is not the job of the church to raise my kids. But it is the job of brothers and sisters in Christ to provide a support system as we strive to do that.
- We also need to be helping out each other as parents when it comes to the challenging work of parenting.
- Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, teaching what is good. That they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children.
- When you see things that aren't right, we need you to say something.
- To those of us who are in the middle of the fray and who need the guidance, we need to get over our pride and listen.
- Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline, but he who regards reproof will be honored.

THE CHALLENGE

It is my prayer that we'll all do our part to make that formula work.

MY NOTES