

Generational Ministry: Wisdom and Zeal

Review: God pours His Spirit out on All Generations (Acts 2:17-18)

Hearts of Fathers/Children must be turned toward each other (Mal 4:5-6)

Fathers: Train, Encourage, don't Provoke (Eph 6:1-4, Col 3:20-21)

Children: Honor (very important to God)

Rachel's Dream: Wisdom and Zeal must be Married together

Tendencies: Experience vs Energy

Zeal - Review: Violent Zeal (June 16, 2019)

God is Zealous for the increase of His Son's Government in the Earth (Isa 9:6-7, Eph 1:10)

We display His Government: Kings, Priests, Ambassadors (1 Pet 2:9, Rev 5:10, 2 Cor 5:20)

He Honors those who Zealously Partner with Him (2 Chron 16:9)

- Levites (Ex 32:25-26, Num 3:11-12)
- Phineas (Num 25:10-13)
- Jehu (2 Ki 10:16, 30-31)
- David - "is there not a cause" (1 Sam 17)

(Mt 11:12) And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

NIV: forcefully advancing, forceful men lay hold of it - Spiritual Violence

We cannot afford to Lose or Quench Zeal!

Zeal is not just Energy and Volume

Primary Biblical Expression of Zeal is Prayer (Mt 21:13, Jn 2:17)

only time Jesus was Violent - issue of religious activity replacing the place of Prayer

Wisdom

Wisdom must be Valued and Pursued

(Pr 4:5-9) Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you. ⁷Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. ⁸Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honor, when you embrace her. ⁹She will place on your head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory she will deliver to you."

Knowledge leads to Understanding, so Study/Learn (doesn't guarantee wisdom)

Experience leads to Wisdom

(Heb 5:13-14) ¹³For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

You can learn from other's experiences!

If you want Spiritual Wisdom, pursue Spiritual Experiences (Mt 22:29)

Wisdom is more about what we Do than what we Say (Theory)

(Jas 3:13) ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

(Mt 11:18-19) ¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’
¹⁹“The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by her children.”

(1Ti 4:12) ¹²Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Obtaining Wisdom requires embracing Humility

(Jas 3:17) ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Marriage (Denise - Eccl 4:12)

Experience and Energy

Assets and Availability

Balance

Innovation vs Wasted Effort

Relevance vs Compromise

Appreciation

Partners, not replacements

not that we each do one part, but that we each help the other to do both (ex: 6 am prayer)

Ken Malone: Living Prayers Vision (Long View - not new, starting over)

(Heb 11:39-12:1) ³⁹And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, ⁴⁰God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. ¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

ex: Rachel - 5 fold ministry