

Handling Freedom

Pentecost: giving of Law (Mt Sinai)

giving of the Promise (Acts 1:4-5) of the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)

Younger Generation (children - young adults): words, Rachel's word

Focus - critical because of increasing seduction of darkness

- not separate generations (Mal 4:5-6), can't relinquish responsibility

- Partnership (Acts 2:17), all genders and generations

How does God raise children? (Israel)

first Law (Rules), then Spirit (Freedom)

(Ga 3:23-26) But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

(Ro 8:14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

rules, doctrine, behaviors not enough (not holiness)

must teach next generation to walk in faith, be led by the Spirit, hear God (Jn 10:27)

New Covenant has given us Amazing Freedom - must learn to handle Freedom

(2Co 3:17-18) Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Primary Purpose of Freedom: Behold Jesus to Become Sons (Identity)

Two specific ways we must Learn to use our Freedom (*teach our children*)

Freedom to Choose Righteousness

(1Co 6:12) All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

(1Pe 2:16) as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

(Ga 5:1) Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Freedom to Prefer Others (Phil 2:3-5)

(1Co 10:23-24) All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

(Ga 5:13-14) For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

(Pr 22:6) Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

"his way" - Prophetic Revelation