

Savior Supreme
Raising Children
Colossians 3:21, Ephesians 6:1-4

Whenever the Bible talks about raising children, it always does so after having addressed parents. It is as if God believes that the best way to raise children is in a home where a husband passionately, romantically and sincerely, loves and pursues his wife, nurturing, caring and speaking life into her, and a wife respectfully submits to that kind of servanthood and love. It seems that God believes that this is the best way to raise children.

1. Children are commanded to _____
 - A. Obedience is _____ to the Lord
 - B. Obedience is _____ to the Lord
2. Parents are commanded to _____
 - A. Fathers do not _____
 - B. Fathers _____
 - C. Fathers _____

Raising children in a Genesis 3 world is just another way that God reminds us of our need for a Savior. What we fear for our children's future should drive us to our knees in prayer. Where we fail in our parenting, that failure should compel us to press into the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of God. The gospel reminds us that we are all created in the image of God and God has entrusted parents with cultivating that image their children.

Reflection

I am not sure that it "takes a village" to raise children, but I am sure that parents can be encouraged in their parenting when they are connected to other parents. Parenting is hard. Consider joining a Life Group and getting connected with parents who may be dealing with similar life circumstances. Encourage one another and exhort one another. Browse websites such as Focus on the Family or Family Life to find resources to help you and encourage you as you raise your children and bring them up in the disciplines. Please don't leave thinking you need to be a better parent. Leave thinking about how you can further develop your walk with Christ. Do that and the parenting will come.