

“LOVE Letter”

A Father’s Love

One of Satan’s desires is to destroy the family. He knows that if he is successful in this he can hinder if not stop the next generation from finding out who God says they are to be in the Earth. When the head of the household is missing it is very easy for the family to have an identity crisis. No one really knowing what their role is to be or what is truly expected of them. You cannot forget that Satan wishes to sift you like wheat.

I hear the Word of the Lord say in *Malachi 4:5-6* ***“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers lest I come and smite the Earth with a curse.”***

Also in *Luke 1:17* the Lord says ***“And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”***

Fathers your role is clear, you are to lead your families to God. You are to be the examples in your homes of salvation and Jesus Christ. How can you lead or be an example if you are not present? We are in the time when YOUR children do not know who they are and are crying out for help. It is time to stand up and show forth the love that our savior showed when He went to the cross and died in our place.

It is time for men to declare and decree as the servant of the Lord, Joshua did in *Joshua 24:15* ***“... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”***

Fathers you have been charged to nurture your children. The Word of God declares in *Ephesians 6:4* **“and, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”**

Webster’s dictionary defines *nurture* as: **the act of rearing, to bring up or train; educate.**

Webster defines *admonish* as: **to scold or reprove gently; to caution against danger or error, warn; to exhort; urge.**

Admonition defined by Webster is: **The act of admonishing; a gentle reproof.**

Most people would say that the mother is the parent that nurtures the children but the word of God says it should be the father. This is just one more example of how women have been forced to take a responsibility that God gave to the man. If you reread the definition of nurture you will see that the role of a nurturer should be from the leader of the group. If the father is missing from the household then the mother becomes the head and therefore must nurture. It is not that mothers nurturing is unacceptable but unfortunate since the fathers are mandated to do so yet the mothers are left to fill the gap.

Men of God do not forget about the fatherless. I implore you to become mentors to the children in church with single parent households or even children whose father’s do not know Christ and the forgiveness of sins. *Psalms 68:5* says **“A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in His holy habitation.”** I ask you, are you not the temple of God? Does Christ not inhabit or reside in you? You are to be the father to the fatherless as Jesus Christ is a father to you.

Step up men of valor and move with purpose as the time is at hand!

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