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Transforming Daily
“... sanctify them ...”
Job 1:5

“Sanctify them.” What an interesting concept practically and theologically. “Sanctify them.” Job was concerned for his family and therefore took the responsibility to sanctify them, that is, to consecrate them, to set them apart to God. One of the leading reasons for the fall of any society is parental abdication of their responsibility to rear their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. God, not having to, initiated responsibility for the sinner by sending His son that whoever believes in Him should no longer be condemned, but be reconciled and consecrated to the heavenly Father through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The Father saves and sanctifies His children through the work of Jesus Christ alone on Calvary’s cross, and further through the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, God’s down payment on His Word.

Notice that there is no mention of Job’s wife here in the text. There is mention of her later, but not here. Why? I’m sure there are many reasons why “Mrs. Job” isn’t mentioned, but not the least of which is that the biblical responsibility for child rearing is first and foremost squarely placed upon the shoulders of the father/husband. That isn’t to say that Mrs. Job didn’t work hard to rear her children and support her husband, or that Job didn’t love and support his wife. The point here is that it is the “man’s role” to lead the family (I didn’t say dictate, I said lead). To do otherwise is to undermine the biblical model for the family and thereby lead to the erosion and destruction of the very foundation on which that family is built (single motherhood by death or divorce is related, but another subject all together and includes the involvement of the church). In result, as the family goes, so goes the nation.

The father is to sanctify his children to God (as well as his wife, Ephesians 5:22-33). He can only do this by first being saved and consecrated to God himself. Then he must dedicate his life to the things of God such as prayer, Bible study, Worship of God (regular church attendance Hebrews 10:24-25, *not just on the golf course, in the woods, on the lake, at the stadium, or ball park, etc.* [emphasis added for sarcasm]), ministry, soul winning, and fellowshiping with other believers. Then regarding his child/children, “Dad” will be prepared to sanctify them.