

The Dangers of A Passive Father, Pt. 1
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Sermon Series: Lord, I Want To See
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- + *Matthew 19:13-15*, “One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so He could lay His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering Him. ¹⁴But Jesus said, “Let the children come to Me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.” ¹⁵And He placed His hands on their heads and blessed them before He left” (NLT).
- The Greek New Testament word translated as “pray” in Matthew’s Gospel is [προσεύχομαι, proseuchomai]. It means “to pray” but it can also mean “to pray _____.”
- + *John 12:32*, Jesus said, “And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself” (NLT).
- The Greek New Testament word translated as “pray” in Matthew’s Gospel is [προσεύχομαι, proseuchomai]. It means “to pray” but it can also mean “to pray _____.”
 - The most important thing as a Christian father or parent or grandparent you can do is to make sure your children are in _____ over making sure they are in _____.
- + *Proverbs 22:6*, “Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it” (ESV).
- + *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*, “Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (NLT).

The Dangers of A Passive Father (First 5 From Last Week)

1. A passive father is more concerned about his public image and career than his family (Genesis 34:1-2, 5).
2. A passive father causes his children to grow angry and rebellious against him (Genesis 34:25-29).
3. A passive father steals the honor and self-respect of his children (Genesis 34:30-31).
4. A passive father redefines what is truth (Genesis 35:16-20).
5. A passive father keeps a “trump card” to cash in later on his children (Genesis 35:22 & Genesis 49:3-4).
6. A passive father creates _____ and _____ for his love. A father who is in Christ, creates unconditional sibling love between his children for each other (Turn to Genesis 37:2 in your Bible).

Four Possible Reasons Joseph’s 11 Brothers Hated Him

- a. Joseph brought a _____ to his father about his brothers. The Hebrew word translated as “bad report” is [דִּבְחָה, dibbah]. Why Joseph did this is not disclosed. It means Joseph brought back a report that _____ his brothers because it was a _____. The same word is used in Numbers 13:32, to refer to the “bad report” ten of the 12 spies brought back to Joshua about how easy it would be to conquer The Promise Land.
- b. Joseph was his father’s _____ (Turn to Genesis 37:3a; Genesis 29:31, 33 in your Bible).
- c. Joseph had an _____ and _____ attitude (Turn to Genesis 37:3-4 in your Bible).

- The word that is translated to describe Joseph's robe as "beautiful or ornate or multi-color" is the Hebrew word [פַּסִּים, passim]. It does mean multi-color, but more likely means _____. Neither one would have bothered Joseph's brothers. What bothered them was the Hebrew word translated as robe [כֵּתוֹנֶת, ketonet]. This referred to a robe that had _____ to the wrist and whose length reached to the ankles. The reason this was an issue is that in those days, this was worn by those who did not have to _____. We find this also in 2 Samuel 13:18, "So the servant put her out and locked the door behind her. She was wearing a long, beautiful robe [כֵּתוֹנֶת, ketonet], as was the custom in those days for the king's virgin daughters" (NLT).
- d. Joseph's brothers _____ his dreams about the future would become a _____ (Turn in your Bible to Genesis 37:5-77 in your Bible).
- To show you how fearful they were this might happen, the word translated as "jealous" in verse 11 is the Hebrew word [וַיִּזְעַזְעוּ, wayeqanu] and it refers to jealousy spills over into _____.
7. Makes _____ based on _____ whereas a Christlike father makes wise decisions based on God's Word and the Holy Spirit (Turn to Genesis 37:12-17 in your Bible).
8. Forces his children to reluctantly choose an ungodly _____ whereas a Christlike father helps his children choose obedience to Christ as their survival method. Turn to Genesis 37:18-30 in your Bible. Note: Genesis 37:26, is reference back to Genesis 4:10.
- Ishmaelites (Gen. 37:25) would be their _____ through Abraham who later formed the _____. Yet, there was bitter blood between the descendants of Isaac and his half-brother, Ishmael and his descendants.
 - In Genesis 37:28, they sold Joseph for 20 pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites traders. 20 shekels of silver was the typical price of a _____ between the ages of _____ years old.
 - What the Hebrew text implies is that the brothers figured out what Reuben planned to do and devised a plan that would _____ all of them some money. The apple didn't fall far from the tree, did it?
 - Do you see the irony here? In choosing Joseph's robe and a goat to deceive their father, this was exactly the same thing _____ had done to deceive his father Isaac to steal his brother, Esau's, birthright. What goes around comes around.
9. _____ what he _____ whereas a godly father sows what he biblically wants to reap in Christ. (Turn to Genesis 37:31-35 in your Bible).
- + Galatians 6:7-8a, "Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow! ⁸Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful desires will harvest the consequences of decay and death" (NLT).
10. Causes his children to face a _____ and _____ where a Christlike father instills in his children faith in Christ for their future (Turn to Genesis 37:36 in your Bible).
- + Matthew 16:24-26, Jesus said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ²⁵If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁶And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?" (NLT).
- + Romans 8:9, "You are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to Him at all.)" (NLT).