

A Father's Choice

Hebrews 3:12-15

Heb. 3:12-15 "See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. ¹⁵ As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

Two Examples of a Hebrews 3 Father

- I. _____
- Eli was the high priest for Israel. He was also the judge at the gate for the people. Both of these positions were very high profile. Eli might have been the most recognized man in all of Israel.
 - However the Bible does not tell us all of the great things that he did. Instead, it tells us about his sons. (Hophni and Phineas)
 - 1 Samuel 2:12
 - Sons of _____ (Worthlessness) Idol Worship, total wickedness (27 times)
 - How is this _____ ?
 - Their father was never at _____. (Judging all Israel, with sacrificing and interceding for all Israel)
 - My My, how the years _____, and children grow up, till all of a sudden they are as tall as themselves.
 - 1 Sam. 2:29 God asks "Why do you honor your sons more than Me?"

- II. _____
- Not much is told to us about Job either. But what we do know about Job is that he was successful in many many ways. Very wealthy and very famous and sought after. "Greatest man among the people of the East" Job1:3 We also know that he was "blameless and upright and feared God and shunned evil" Job 1:1
 - Job was so desiring to honor God, that he even made sacrifices to God on _____ of his children just in-case they sinned during one of their parties.
 - Job did this _____ (Job 1:5c)

- III. _____ - what are you choosing as important?
- Eli was so busy _____, that he forgot to show his children God.
 - Job's Family's spirituality was part of Job's _____. (It was his responsibility)

Conclusion:

- What kind of _____ will you be?
- It is never too late to start.
- You can start training your kids up _____, start praying for them _____. Start talking about spiritually things _____. Or... you can neglect the spiritual things and pay for it later.
- Heb. 3:12-13 (Remix) - "See to it, Fathers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage your wife and kids daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.