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Like father like son? Abraham and Isaac- a lesson in generational legacy

The Family in Genesis series

Genesis 26: 1-33

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Genesis 18:16-18

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The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time 16 and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." Genesis 22: 1-2, 15-18

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Genesis 12: 10-13

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Genesis 21:8-10

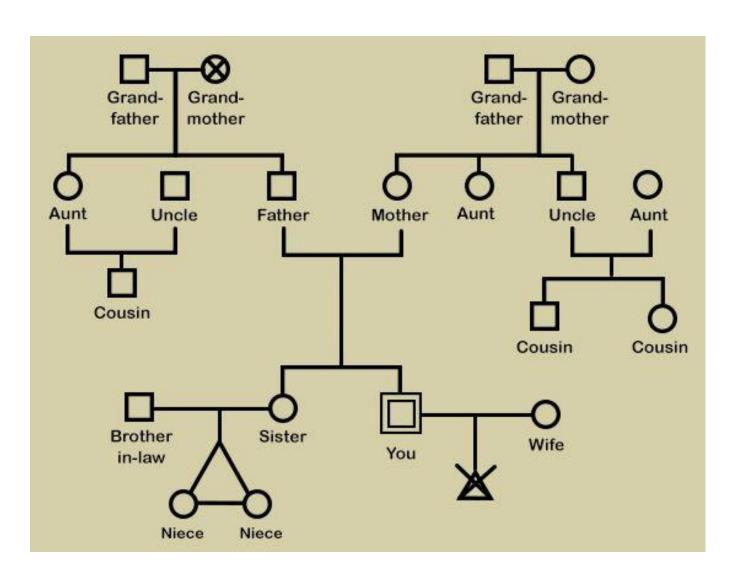
Generational sins – nurture or nature?

- Abraham lies about Sarah to Pharoah and King Abimelek.
- Isaac lies about Rebekah to King Abimelek.
- Jacob tricks Esau of his birthright.
- Jacob lies to Isaac with the help of Rebekah to trick the father.
- Rebekah's brother Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah.
- Laban's daughters lies to the father and steal his precious belongings.
- Jacob's sons lies to Jacob about the fate of Joseph.

- Sarah orchestrates to have a son through Hagar then hates Ishmael once Isaac is born.
- Isaac favored Esau because both were hunters while Rebekah favored Jacob who was mama's boy.
- Jacob loved Rachel but neglected Leah.
- Jacob favored Joseph over all his other children.

Generational sins – a curse?

7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. 9 Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

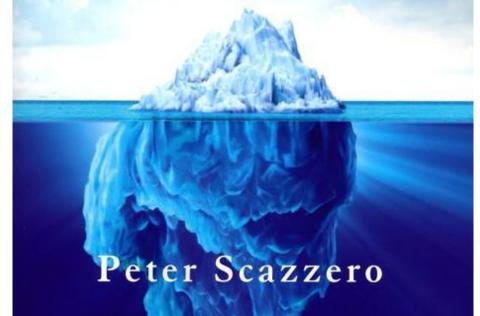


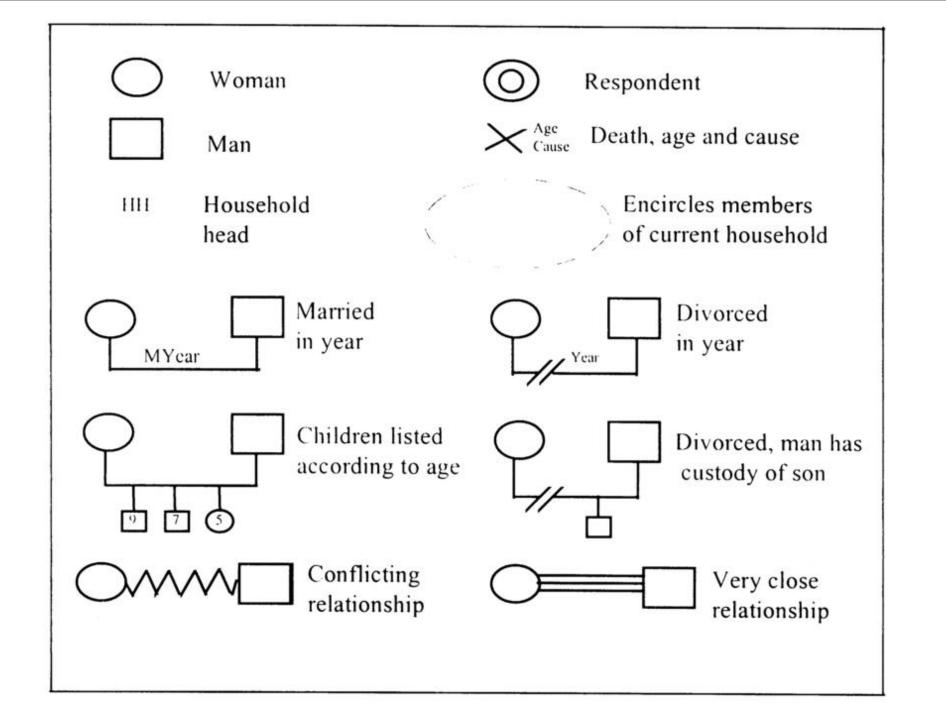


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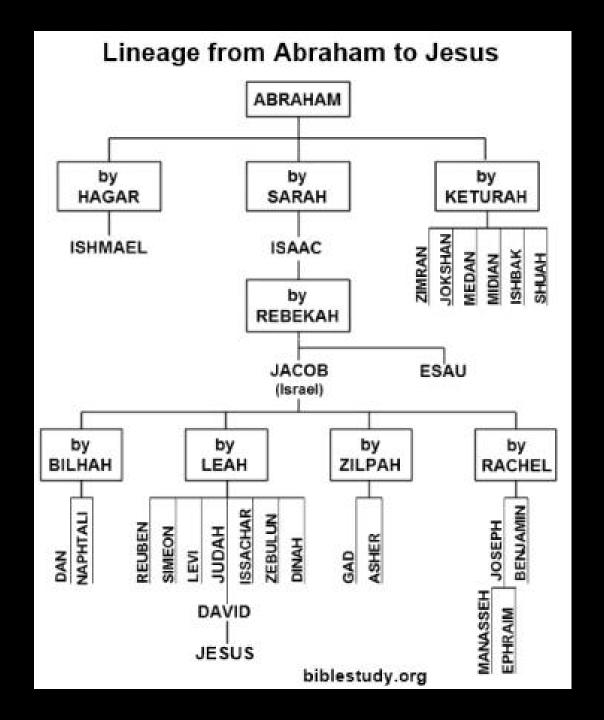
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IT'S IMPOSSIBLE to Be SPIRITUALLY MATURE
WHILE REMAINING EMOTIONALLY IMMATURE





Are we teaching our children to image God or to image us



INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA

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Someone who experiences trauma (like abuse) can suffer from lifelong effects Effects like anxiety, shame, depression, substance abuse and risky behavior When that person has children, the impact of the trauma can affect them



Parents may develop a neglectful/authoritative style or project their trauma on their children As a result, the child develops a trauma due to growing up with a traumatised parent This is 'intergenerational trauma' as the effects of trauma are passed on through generations 12 Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him. 13 The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. 14 He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. 15 So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.

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Genesis 21:5

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³³ Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the LORD, the Eternal God.

Genesis 21:33

26 Meanwhile, Abimelek had come to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his personal adviser and Phicol the commander of his forces. 27 Isaac asked them, "Why have you come to me, since you were hostile to me have been as with you; so we said, 'There ought to be a sworn agreement between us'—between us and you. Let us make a treaty with you 29 that you will do us no harm, just as we did not harm you but always treated you well and sent you away peacefully. And now you are blessed by the LORD."

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Genesis 21:22-23

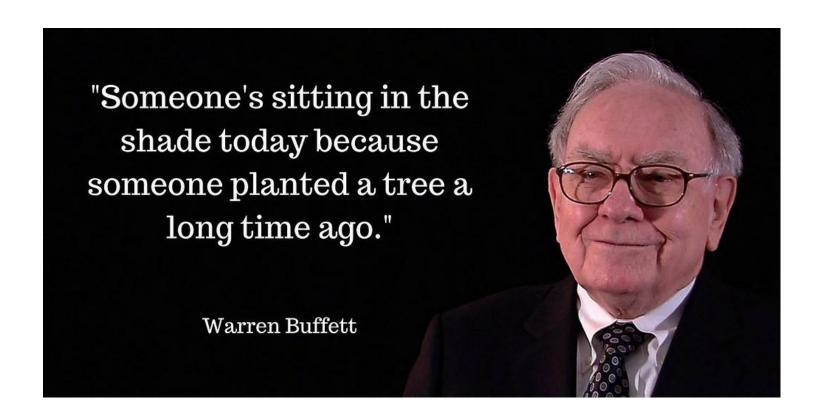
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Generational blessings -what should we prioritize to pass on to our children?



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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, — THAT WHOEVER — BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ----ETERNAL LIFE We're to love our children for who they are, not for what we want them to become

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Our pattern of relating to others is set in motion long before each of us met our spouse. Our childhood experiences and the way our parents related to us have imprinted certain thought patterns and behaviors on us. Milan and I call these imprints "love styles." For a few of us, our early love lessons were ideal, and our love style is healthy and positive. Most of us, though, had some hurtful experiences resulting in a harmful imprint and impaired love style, and that can handicap our marriage relationship.

Focus on the family- how childhood experiences impact love styles- Kay and Milan Yerkovich

1: The Avoider

Impact on next generation: Bring into marriage an aversion to demonstrate weakness (eg: " I am fine. Why are you always asking me this?") both in themselves and others. Children from this marriage tend to not not confide with parent, expression of love is seen to be translated as only when there is approval in

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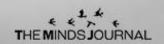
2: The Pleaser

Impact on next generation: Due to a childhood of being always on high alert, will bring into marriage a deep desire to please the spouse and prone to anxiety. Unable to cope well when there is conflict with spouse or children.

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3: The Vacillator

Impact on next generation: Deep insecurity in marriagebecome hypersensitive to signs of connections or rejection. Bring unreasonable emotional demands to children using emotional threats but on the other extreme will be extremely giving in cacrificial love

Am I a VACILLATOR?

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4&5: The Victim and The Controller

Impact on next generation:

Bring into marriage victim mindset as that is the only reality they know ("I deserve it."). Accept mistreatment as normal. Alternatively learn how to manipulate and control partner or children as a coping mechanism. Anger becomes a common tool in getting what one wants. Feeling vulnerable is seen as not being in control

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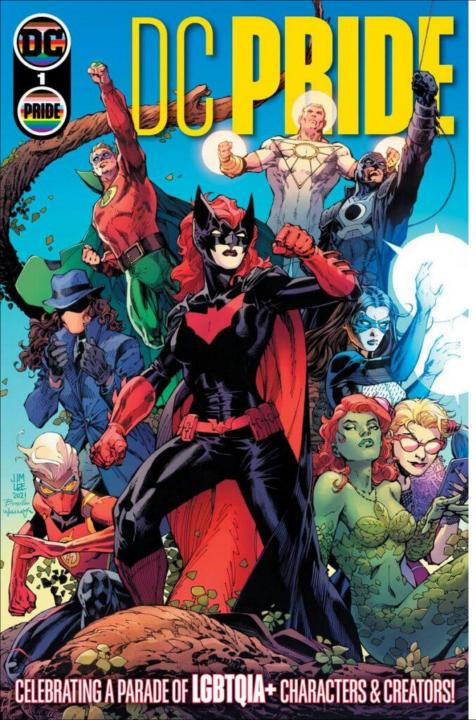
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Image God.. Don't be a response to the image of your parents

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2. Don't just pass on teachings to your children. <u>Pass on your testimony.</u>

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Like his father before him, Isaac was a testimony in a foreign land to a Pagan King.

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²⁰ Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

Genesis 18:6-20

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7 Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

*They would not be like their ancestors a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him. Psalm 78:1-8

- God saved the Israelites from bondage in Egypt and each generation was to pass that testimony down to their children.
- God saved me from bondage in sin through Jesus Christ and I am to pass that testimony down to my children.
- Is my life reflecting that testimony?

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-8

Subcontract spiritual responsibility out to Sunday School and Youth service

Regimented "family altar" sessions which the children think its hypocritical

The power of grace and forgiveness





Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.

— Ronald Reagan —

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3. You can't save your children. Only God can.

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- 4 Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. John 4: 4-6
- ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
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- I want to but I find it difficult to express my emotions to others.

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"For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

"In the same way, He took the cup also after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'" 1 Corinthians 11:25

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

1 Corinthians 11:26