

Fathers and Sons Working Together

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“But Jesus said to them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working...” Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what He sees the Father do’ for whatever He does, the son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does.”

John 5:17-22

*“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear,
I judge; and My judgment is righteous,
because I do not seek My own will but
the will of the Father who sent me.”*

John 5:30

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I. Purpose:

- 1. Clarify the theological foundation for all father son relationships**
- 2. Encourage fathers to personally make significant investments in sons**
- 3. Explain principles from the relationship of the Father and the Son to raise the spiritual and financial capital of our sons**

II. Fatherhood/Sonship Paradigm Lost

We must never forget that at the foundation of the universe is a father's love for His Son and the sons of men.

III. Fatherhood/Sonship Paradigm Found

God Is Our Mentor in at Least Three Ways:

- **Through His commands**
- **Through Living Examples**
- **Through The Example of the Trinitarian Relationship**

IV. The Premise

The example of the relationship between God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ teaches us something for how to be fathers and sons in their working together.

The Bible Issues a Clarion Call to Become Like Father and Son

***“He also predestined to be conformed
to the image of His Son” Romans 8:29.***

“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.” Ephesians 5:1-2

Scripture bids us to become like Him:

- *In Holy Conduct, I Pet 1:15,*
- *In Suffering, I Peter 2:21- 22,*
- *In doing the Will of God, I Pet 4:1-3,*
- *In His glory, John 17:22-23,*
- *In His oneness with the Father, John 17:22b-23,*
- *In His thinking, Phil 2:5,*
- *In His actions, Col 3:17*

- *In purity, Romans 13:14*
- *In fragrance, 2 Cor 2:14-15*
- *In being filled with His fruits of righteousness, Php 1:11*
- *In meekness and gentleness, 2 Corinthians 10:1*
- *In stature, Eph 4:13*
- *In His thinking, Php 2:5*
- *In His suffering, 1Pe 2:21*

**Theology is
The Beginning of Wisdom
for Father & Son**

V. Thirteen Biblical Patterns for Fathers and Sons

1. The Father Loves the Son, John 15:9-10

*“As the Father has loved me, so I have
loved you.”*

John 15:9-10

*“He has delivered us from the power of
darkness and conveyed us into the
kingdom of the son of His
love.”*

Colossians 1:12-14

The first mention of love in the Old Testament is the love of a father toward His son.

Genesis 22:2

***“Then He said, “Take now your son,
your only son Isaac, whom you love”
Genesis 22:2***

**The first mention of love in the New
Testament is the love of a father
toward His son.**

“This is My beloved son in whom I am well pleased.”

You can get all the rules and behaviors and theologies right in your home, but if there is no love and tenderness and affection and kindness, it is easily rejected.

2. The Father Reigns, Designs and Delegates, Ephesians 1:9-10, Col 1:12-20, I Cor 11:3

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

3. The Father Shares His Work with His Son, John 17:5, Eph 1:3

“Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what He sees the Father do’ for whatever He does, the son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does and will show him greater things than these that you may marvel.

John 5:19-20

4. The Son Fulfills His Role as Co Laborer in Creation

*“All things were made through Him,
and without Him nothing was made
that was made.”*

John 1:1-3

5. The Father Exercises Authority Over the Son

“But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.”

I Corinthians 11:3

6. The Son Joyfully Submits to the Father, John 14:31

“... I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me. The father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

John 8:28-29

7. The Son loves the Father

“But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment.”

John 14:31

8. The Son Imitates His Father's actions in word and deed

*“I do nothing unless I see my father
doing it, I say nothing unless I hear
my father saying it.”*

John 5:30

**This is a picture of
attentive submissive
dutiful sonship...**

POWER

Proximity

Observation

Wisdom

Eye Contact

Relationship

9. The Son Knows what the Father is doing

“Truly, truly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.”

John 5:19

10. The Father Teaches the Son

“Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

John 8:28

Major responsibilities of fathers:

- **Teaching the scripture**
- **Mentoring for a skill**
- **Preparing for marriage**
- **Positioning for success**

11. The Father Leads by Example, and the Son follows

“The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”

John 5:19

12. The Father Praises the Son for His Work

“Then God saw everything He had made and indeed, it was very good,” Gen 1:31.

13. The Father and Son are an Example of mutual love

“The three persons are never in conflict of purpose, never jealous over another’s position or specific work, never prideful over one’s own position or work, and they are always sharing fully the delight in being the one God and accomplishing the unified purpose of God. Here is a unity of differentiation, where love abounds and where neither jealousy nor pride is known. . . .

“Each divine Person accepts his role, each in proper relation to the others, and each works together with the others for one unified, common purpose. It is nothing short of astonishing to contemplate the fundamental and pervasive unity within the Trinity, given the eternal differentiation that exists in the three persons,

*Dr. Bruce Ware, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Relationships, Roles & Relevance, p19-20*

VI. Convictions:

- 1. Together is better than separate**
- 2. Give him lots of work... very little play**
- 3. Other boys are not qualified to disciple my son**

4. Thoughts on education

- **My plan for David at age 14**
- **Reading and writing**
- **Scripture Memory**

**Theological study Not specializing:
Business Terminology**

**Contact and Relationship with
Business men**

**A force to reckon with:
The powerful gravitational
pull apart.**

**5. The Importance of Biblical church
life for facilitating reformation of
practices, Deuteronomy 6:1-9**