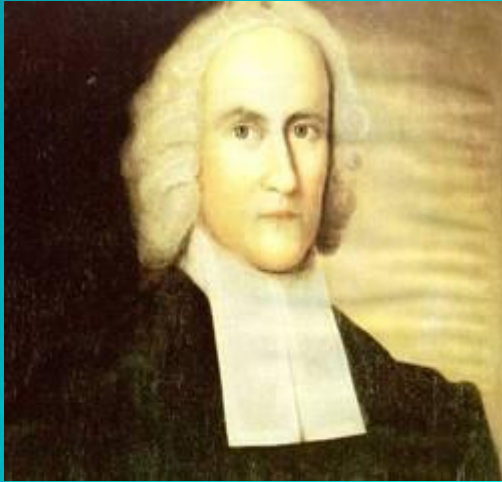


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1703 - 1758

- President of Princeton University
- Famous puritan preacher
- Man of integrity



Fascinating Genealogical Study

The Amazing Ripple Effect!

The type of role models we are will
affect future generations!



We have no impact on our *ancestors*
but we can have tremendous impact
on our *descendants*!

“I, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing loving kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.” NASU

EXODUS 20: 5-6

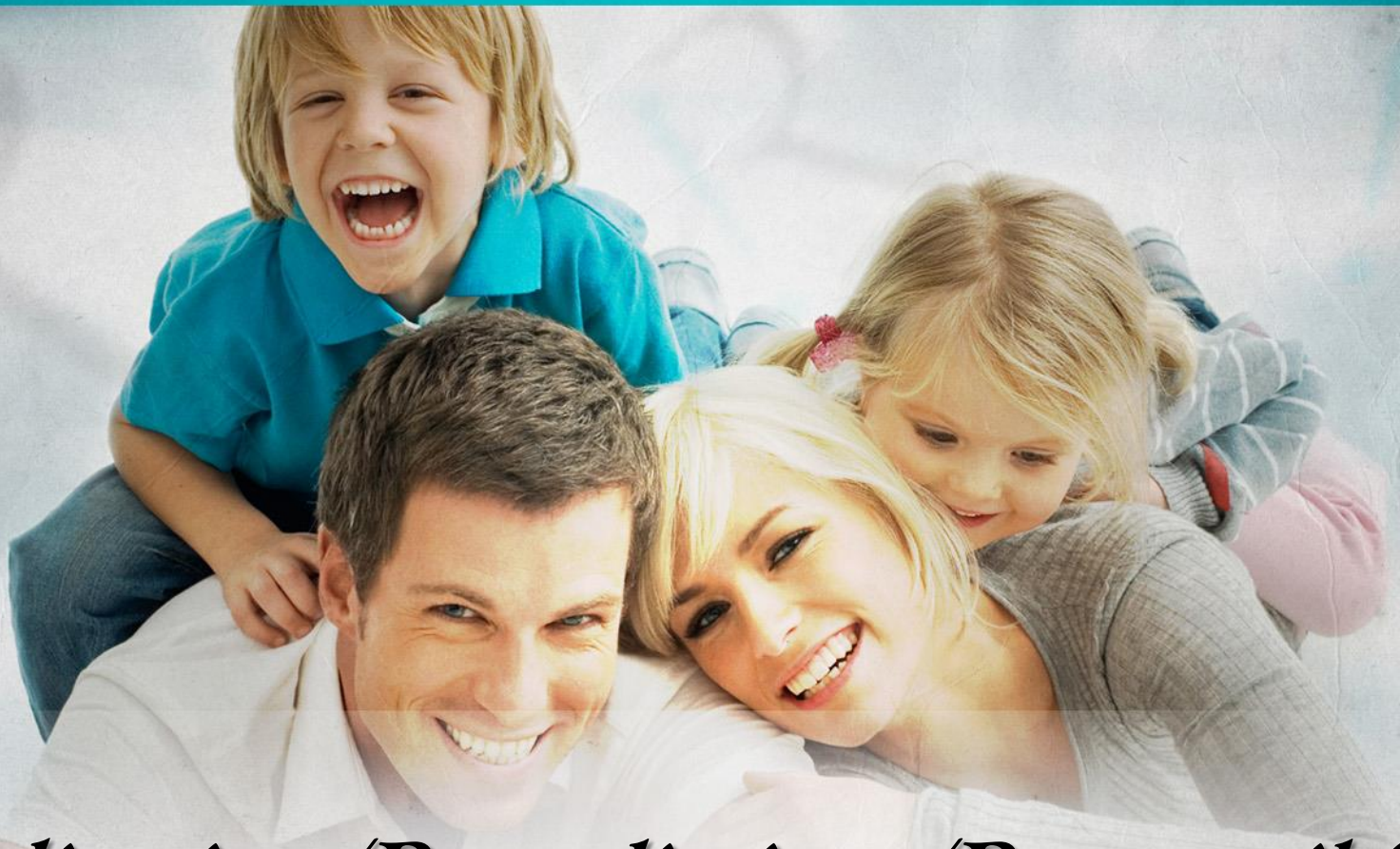


We must understand the forces
that shape and mold us!

- We can *Replicate* (repeat)
- We can *Repudiate* (reject)
- We can be *Responsible*



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Replication/Repudiation /Responsibility

Achieving Present Success

TWO FAMILIES:

A. Family of *Orientation*.

B. Family of *Outcome*.

C. How we respond to A determines B!



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REPLICATION

- A. Is the most **powerful!**
- B. We often repeat, even if it is something that we hated!



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“For the good which I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I practice.”



ROMANS 7:19

EXAMPLES OF REPLICATION

- **Divorce** – *80% if both parents are divorced.*
- **Child abuse** – Most common among those who were abused.



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BIBLE EXAMPLES

- Abraham and Isaac
- Isaac and Rebecca
- Jacob and Esau



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BIBLE EXAMPLES

- Israel coming out of Egypt
 - Ex 1:11; 13-14 “Bitter bondage”
 - Wanted to return – why?



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"We remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic, but now there is nothing at all to look at except this manna."



NUMBERS 11:5

Their fixation on the *past*
destroyed the possibility of a
better *tomorrow!*



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KEY PRINCIPLE

“You will tend to raise your children exactly the way you were raised.”



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**“Wisdom, like an inheritance,
is a good thing and benefits
those who see the sun.” NIV**



ECCLESIASTES 7:11

REPUDIATION– to change

- *“We are all affected by our past, but we are not prisoners of it.”*
- The Heart of **Repentance** (Acts 26:20)! A matter of *choice*!



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MAJOR PITFALL IS TO OVER-REACT.

- 1ST GENERATION – Zealous
- 2nd GENERATION – Apathetic
- 3rd GENERATION – Rebellious
- Judges 2:12 “*Forsook Jehovah.*”



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RESPONSIBILITY

- We learn from the past, make good choices and not make excuses!
- Adam and Eve
- Must not blame our parents!

A photograph of a family of four—a father, a mother, and two young children—smiling and hugging each other. The father is in the foreground, smiling broadly. The mother is behind him, also smiling. Two young children are behind her, one of whom is laughing joyfully.

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***'The fathers eat the sour grapes,
But the children's teeth are set on
edge.'***

**"As I live," declares the Lord God, "You
are surely not going to use this proverb in
Israel anymore! NASU**

EZEKIEL 18:2-4



CHALLENGE!

If needed become a
transition person!



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DO THE THREE PART ASSIGNMENT!

It is *never* too late!



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