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THE LIFE OF MISSIONS "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY"

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and [that] your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. One of the first commands God gave mankind, was to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth..

The Hebrew word for replenish

male', maw-lay'; or mala' (Esth. 7:5), maw-law'; a prim. root, to fill or (intrans.) be full of, in a wide application (lit. and fig.):- accomplish, confirm, + consecrate, be at an end, be expired, be fenced, fill, fulfil, (be, become, X draw, give in, go) full (-ly, -lyset, tale), [over-] flow, fulness, furnish, gather (selves, together), presume, replenish, satisfy, set, space, take a [hand-] full, + have wholly.

The word means to fill it up .. make it over flow..

I see a bad thing happening with families today.. they are limiting how many children they have. They have bought into the humanistic mentality that the earth is over populated. This is nonsense.

A liberal politician from Philadelphia introduced a Bill to mandate vasectomies for men who have three children or reach the age of 40..

PENNSYLVANIA - A new bill that will soon be introduced in the Pennsylvania legislature would limit the number of children that men could father to three. It would mandate vasectomies for men at age 40 or following their third child, whichever comes first.

The bill's author, State Rep. Chris Rabb (D-Philadelphia) called it "parody legislation" of the recently passed Texas law, which is the most restrictive anti-abortion legislation in the country. Rabb hopes his bill, which would place more of the burden of conception's responsibility on men, will bring to light what he calls "gendered double standards" for reproductive rights.

Now this Representative calls this bill a parody bill. Which means it is a bill that is ridiculous but is introduced to make a statement. The statement is stop getting women pregnant and over populating the earth. In other words maybe this could be the other solution to outlawing wholesale abortions for any cause. In other words why is it not ridiculous to tell women they have to go through with an unwanted pregnancy if it is wrong to tell men they have to limit how many children they can produce.

What is sick is that in the liberal's mind there is even a parallel, or parody to be found in this bill ...

What is a parody?

A parody, also called a spoof, a send-up, a take-off, a lampoon, a play on, or a caricature, is a creative work designed to imitate, comment on, and/or make fun of its subject by means of satiric or ironic imitation. Often its subject is an original work or some aspect of it - theme/content, author, style, etc.

So this State Rep.. thinks this is funny? He thinks that outlawing aborting a baby that is old enough to have a heart beat is ridiculous and needed to make a statement about how ridiculous he thought is was, by conjuring a bill that is funny.

What is the point of the parody .. is it that Texas is so pro life that Pennsylvania has to show that it is so against life. Texas wants to protect the unborn, but Pennsylvania legislatures want to make sure they are never born at all.

How sick our humanistic minds work. First of all .. having children is a blessing and not a curse.

Psalms 127:3 Lo, children [are] an heritage of the LORD: [and] the fruit of the womb [is his] reward.

Psalms 127:4 As arrows [are] in the hand of a mighty man; so [are] children of the youth.

Psalms 127:5 Happy [is] the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

People are choosing to limit how many children they have so they can get material gain, get a better job, make more money, have more freedom.. How sad it is .. but none of those things will matter when you get old and when you die. They only thing you can take to heaven with you are the children you have that come to know the Lord. Now the same reasons women are aborting their babies is the same reason couples are not having children:

I believe that the reason young Christian married couples, are limiting the size of their family are the same reasons that most women give for having an abortion.

Reasons in 2004 People Gave For Aborting Their Baby...

1. The two most common reasons were "having a baby would dramatically change my life" and "I can't afford a baby now" (cited by 74% and 73%, respectively-Table 2).
2. A large proportion of women cited relationship problems or a desire to avoid single motherhood (48%).
3. Nearly four in 10 indicated that they were not ready to have a child.
4. Women also cited possible problems affecting the health of the fetus or concerns about their own health (13% and 12%, respectively).†
5. The most common sub-reason given was that the woman could not afford a baby now because she was unmarried (42%). Thirty-eight percent indicated that having a baby would interfere with their education, and the same proportion said it would interfere with their employment. In a related vein, 34% said they could not afford a child because they were students or were planning to study.

Who then should have more children than Christians?

Consider this:

I. THE GREATEST EVIDENCES OF PHYSICAL LIFE IS REPRODUCTION

Our Lord gave this command to Adam and Eve and I believe to the whole human race..

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Why is physical reproduction the greatest evidence of life?

1. CONSIDER THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF LIFE:

One of the greatest evidences of life is the ability to reproduce. It is a biological fact. Here is an interesting fact about our biological cell growth and reproduction in our bodies..

In youth during our growth period (up to about 18 years of age), the number of newly formed cells in our body outnumbers dying cells. In young adulthood, from about 18 to about 25 years of age, the number of newly formed cells balances the dying cells. In aging (after 25 years of age) the number of newly formed cells is less than the number of cells that die.

In 1961 Dr. Leonard Hayflick at Stanford University discovered that human cells growing in a culture of energy and nutrients could reproduce themselves only a limited number of times before all of their descendants aged and died. The maximum number of times a cell can reproduce itself is now called its "Hayflick limit".

Each type of cell has its own Hayflick limit. Dr. Hayflick also showed that long before cells ceased to reproduce themselves they showed certain changes in their structure and functioning, such as less ability to produce energy, less ability to make enzymes quickly enough, and more waste materials inside each cell.

The ability to reproduce is the greatest sign of life and good health.. This is true both physically and spiritually..

As our bodies get older we are not able to produce new cells and therefore we die.. and get sick..

Now the truth is that spiritual reproduction, I believe, is more important than physical reproduction. Spiritual life is eternal and never wears out and dies.

Now as important as physical life is, the proliferation of Spiritual life is more important.

2. CONSIDER TRUTHS ABOUT SPIRITUAL REPRODUCTION:

The highest honour in life is for a person to reproduce spiritually..

It was obvious that our Lord.. purposely choose to not marry so he could be more fruitful spiritually. Think about this if reproducing physical life was the most important mission than our Lord would have done that.

There are more people reproducing physically than we are winning people to the Lord spiritually.

THEREFORE SPIRITUAL REPRODUCTION IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN PHYSICAL AND IS MORE URGENT!

II. THE BIBLE TEACHES THE PRIORITY OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. Paul Was Not Married And Left Behind No Biological Children:

I Corinthians 7:8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.

I Corinthians 7:25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

I Corinthians 7:26 I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, [I say], that [it is] good for a man so to be.

I Corinthians 7:27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.

I Corinthians 7:28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.

I Corinthians 7:32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

I Corinthians 7:33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please [his] wife.

I Corinthians 7:34 There is difference [also] between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please [her] husband.

Interesting Fact: As people are fearful of dying.. they long to have companionship. After 9/11 tragedy there was an increase in marriages. Why? In times of crisis people want company and companionship. Marriages went up because of the terrorist activities.. People are worried about dying alone:

The Bible notes that right up through the tribulation people will be marrying and more so in the end times.

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Matthew 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Jesus predicted that people will be marrying all the way to the time that he returns. Even though marriage is up, the average married couple in our country are having less than 2 children and a lot of young couples today do not even care to have any children. Some young people actually plan to be childless.

Now I believe having physical children is important for young couples, but I believe that having spiritual children is even more important. How sad it is that many Christians do not even actively pursue having spiritual fruit. They could care less. Maybe the same reason people are not having biological children is the same reason they are not reproducing spiritual children. It all boils down to being self centered.

God commanded us to be fruitful and multiply..

God commanded his disciples to be fishers of men, and make disciples of men..

To be successful in both we must be willing to have our lives disrupted.

Self centered and self absorbed people will not be fruitful and will not want to sacrifice themselves to multiply!

2. Jesus was not married: Jesus put spiritual disciples above earthly relations!

Matthew 12:47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

Matthew 12:48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

Matthew 12:49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

Matthew 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Jesus had 12 children, and one was a dud (Judas).. His disciples were his children. He reproduced himself 11 fold..

Let me ask you a question.. when the Lord takes you home to be with him, who will you leave behind to carry on a testimony for the Lord in this world?

Be Fruitful and Multiply..

In Ephesians, 5:32 Paul said that a physical marriage is but a picture of our spiritual union with Christ. In Christ we are still commanded to be fruitful and multiply.. THIS IS WHAT MISSIONS IS ALL ABOUT!

III. CONSIDER WHY SPIRITUAL LIFE AND REPRODUCTION ARE SO IMPORTANT..

1. JESUS IS THE LAST ADAM AND IN HIM THE COMMAND TO BE FRUITFUL AND REPLENISH THE EARTH IS FULFILLED

In Christ the word of God will be fulfilled which commanded man to be fruitful and multiply... God will bring to pass what he said.

I Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak [this] to your shame.

I Corinthians 15:35 But some [man] will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

I Corinthians 15:36 [Thou] fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

I Corinthians 15:37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other [grain]:

I Corinthians 15:38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

I Corinthians 15:39 All flesh [is] not the same flesh: but [there is] one [kind of] flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, [and] another of birds.

I Corinthians 15:40 [There are] also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial [is] one, and the [glory] of the terrestrial [is] another.

I Corinthians 15:41 [There is] one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for [one] star differeth from [another] star in glory.

I Corinthians 15:42 So also [is] the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

I Corinthians 15:43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

I Corinthians 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

I Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.

I Corinthians 15:46 Howbeit that [was] not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

I Corinthians 15:47 The first man [is] of the earth, earthy: the second man [is] the Lord from heaven.

I Corinthians 15:48 As [is] the earthy, such [are] they also that are earthy: and as [is] the heavenly, such [are] they also that are heavenly.

I Corinthians 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

I Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

I Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

I Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

I Corinthians 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality.

2. Jesus taught That Spiritual life is more important than Physical life..

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Every person that comes into this world a child of Adam will die, but everyone that is born again in Jesus Christ will live forever.

A. Spiritual life is forever....

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

John 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

B. Physical life is only for 60 70 80 100 years at the most

The Guinness Book of Records give 122 as the oldest person to live in modern history, the oldest person alive today is 118.. Think about it, that is not very old.

Sometimes the Lord allows tragedies to bring people to himself. I remember after the 9/11 tragedy when 6,000 people died many people started thinking about eternal matters .. but only for a short time...

Today this covid craziness.. can be used to draw people to Christ..

These Islamic countries are one of the few places in the world where the gospel cannot be freely preached... You would think after 9/11 we would be doing something to reach these countries. The war on terrorism will not be won with physical soldiers, it must be won with spiritual soldiers. We try to convert Muslims with our humanism.. No wonder they label our country as the great Satan! Humanism is a religion from the pit of hell.

IV. JESUS CAME TO GIVE LIFE IT WAS OUR LORD'S GREATEST PASSION

1. IT WAS HIS LIFE'S PASSION: HIS LEFT THIS EXAMPLE TO HIS DISCIPLES

The story of the woman at the well was a great example of our Lord's passion for winning the lost to himself, and giving people eternal life.

John 4:3 He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.

John 4:4 And he must needs go through Samaria.

John 4:31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

John 4:32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

John 4:33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him [ought] to eat?

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and [then] cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

John 4:36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

John 4:37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

John 4:38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

John 4:39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

2. IT WAS HIS PRAYER FOR HIS FOLLOWERS HIS LAST GREAT PRAYER BEFORE HE WAS TAKEN..

John 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

John 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

John 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

John 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

John 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

John 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

John 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

John 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

John 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

John 17:26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare [it]: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

John 18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

Conclusion:

Our Lord spent 3.5 years with his 12 disciples in order to reproduce himself in them.. and then in turn he wanted all those that they influenced to learn to reproduce spiritually...

Imagine if each of us could just reproduce ourselves spiritually 10 times over.. If we could mentor 10 men or women for Christ.. If we could disciple 10 men.. even if we disciple 5 or even two or even 1 ...

How much stronger the word of God would be in our nation and in this world...

This should be our purpose in this life.. This would be the greatest fruit we can have in eternity.. This is the heart beat of missions. We need to be about this locally and abroad by supporting missionaries.

I Thessalonians 2:19 For what [is] our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? [Are] not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

I Thessalonians 2:20 For ye are our glory and joy.

II Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.

Galatians 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

This is missions.. this is where it starts..

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Life of missions is being about missions.. We must practice the great commission in our personal lives, and we need to support others who are being fruitful around the world. This is why we try to put out this challenge this month that we call missions month..

Consider what your part is in promoting Life Through Missions...

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