

Discipling the Next Generation—Genesis 18:19

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Abraham was divinely chosen to communicate the knowledge of Jehovah to his descendants. In a similar way, Christian parents are charged with the responsibility to disciple their children after them (Eph. 6:4). In this text, the LORD Himself outlines the shape of Abraham's responsibility, encouraging us to embrace *three essential lessons* about discipling the next generation.

1. Discipling is *heavenly* regarding its *purpose*.

God has chosen parents in particular to communicate the knowledge of Him to their children by two means:

a. By means of *exhortation*. "Command"

b. By means of *example*. "After him."

2. Discipling is *holy* regarding its *precepts*.

Nurturing children in the "way of the LORD" means that they will practice...

a. "Righteousness," vertically (toward God).

b. "Justice," horizontally (toward others).

3. Discipling is *humbling* regarding its *prospects*.