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Episode 26: Dangers of Unaddressed Generational Challenges – Patterns Of generational behaviors

Generational challenges that are passed on from one generation to another namely values, beliefs, superstitions, way of life, code of conduct- standards passed on which affects our identity, purpose, destiny:

5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Psalm 57:2 says, "I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me." This is key in understanding God's purpose for your life. God has numbered your days and will fulfill every purpose He has for you.

Isaiah Chapter 46 Verse 10
10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. ' 11 From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose.

God created us for purpose and without transformation we will regress and not see the destined outcome that God purposed for us.

Robert Bryne once observed, "The purpose of life is a life of purpose."
Living "on purpose" means you live intentionally.
Napoleon Hill once said "There is one quality that one must possess to win, and that is definiteness of purpose, the knowledge of what one wants, and a burning desire to possess it

Sin causes man to fall out of the Purpose of God
Romans 3.22-25
"There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. [25] God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood-to be received by faith."
People who don't accept the finished works on the cross live as an "unrighteous person" through rebellion against God.

Patterns of the fallen nature passed down to the next generations:

1. Idolatry – "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. [5] You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me[6] but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments" - Rebellion to God is rebellion to those in authority

2. Dishonor/Disrespect for parents Lack of acknowledgement of roles in society:
   In school - disrespect and dishonor toward teachers.
   Homes –Rebellious and rejected children rule the household through intimidation, manipulative conduct towards parents – rebellious children make their parents feel like they are the parents and the parents are the kids – "Parents I have more wisdom than you because I am more educated, and modern and more technology savvy than you so dictate what we buy, how we live and what goes in the home." Parents who believe they are lessor educated fall into the trap of becoming children and allow sin to enter their household through the modern societal ways only because they allowed rebellion into the home through entertaining idolatry in the home.

3. Stealing/Murder– "You shall not steal/You shall not Murder. "Exodus 20.13,15

a) Jacob stole Esau's inheritance - Isaac replied, "Your brother came here deceitfully and stole your blessing." Consequences (Jacob wife was swapped, Laban did not release his inheritance to him when it was due - he had to toil many years for his inheritance) Gen 27:36

b) Rachel stole her brother's idols - When Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rachel stole her father's household idols. (Gen 31.19)

c) But the Israelites disobeyed the command about the city's riches. Achan son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, stole some of the riches. The Lord was furious with the Israelites. (Joshua 7.1)

d) The son of Carmi: Achan, who brought the disaster on Israel when he stole what was devoted to God. (1 Chron 2:7)

   Crime by country 2020- Country that has the highest crime index in the world - The authorities has issued a Level 4 travel advisory for this country, indicating that it is unsafe to travel to the country, and travelers should not travel there. Country's s high crime rates have been attributed to reasons including government corruption, a flawed judiciary system, and the breakdown of the Rule of Law.

Country that has the third-highest crime rate in the world. This country has a notably high rate of assaults, rape, homicides, and other violent crimes. This has been attributed to several factors, including high levels of poverty, inequality, unemployment, and social exclusion, and the normalization of violence. This country has one of the highest rape rates in the world. More than 1 in 4 men surveyed by the country Medical Research Council admitted to committing rape. https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/crime-rate-by-country

Change the pattern of generational stealing conduct
"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."Eph 4.28

4. False accusation – misrepresentation [16] "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. (Exodus 20.16) **Exodus 23:1** - Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

   Causes of corruption is rooted in an evil heart
   Luke 6.45 – "A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."
   Greed, desperation, covetousness –common practices of corruption to feed poor demands - https://www.unodc.org/e4j/en/anti-corruption/module-5/key-issues/forms-and-manifestations-of-private-sector-corruption.html
   A. Commercial bribery and kickbacks - Excessive gifts and hospitality are given to employees to influence business decisions or tasks. This kind of gift might be travel, luxury items or tickets to sporting events,
   B. **Embezzlement** - This happens when employees misappropriate anything of value that was entrusted to them because of their position.
   C. Favouritism, nepotism, cronyism, clientelism-These forms of corruption occur when a person or group of persons are given unfair preferential treatment at the expense of others.
   D. Trading of information This happens when a business employee offers or receives a bribe in exchange for confidential information, where the bribe could take a number of different forms. When confidential information is the basis for trading in a company's stock, bonds or other securities, this constitutes an offence called "insider trading".
      Testimony of false accusation

5. **New perspective is necessary for a God designed life – God gives you a new perspective of life, you must desire it, want it, and humble yourself to embrace it! "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away, behold all things are become new." 2 Cor 5.17**

   Isaiah 55:2-13
   "Why spend money on what is not bread,
   and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
3 Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.
4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
5 Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor."

6. 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
7 Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

7. 8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.
9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
12 You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
and instead of briers the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the LORD's renown,
for an everlasting sign,
that will endure forever."

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