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Scott's Thoughts



And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father

had given them.” (Genesis 26:18, ESV)

In the passage above Isaac went back to an earlier time and began at that point to follow God. He followed the path of his father Abraham and began a lifetime of service as the leader of his own family. He did his best to encourage his descendants to follow Jehovah God all the days of their lives. Isaac also did well in preparing his descendants for death. We had to face death today. It's something all of us would rather not think about, especially when it is someone close to us, yet it is something that cannot be avoided. That means it would be better if we took time to prepare for it. Preparation for death involves much more than just accepting the inevitable. What are we doing to prepare for it? Are we doing our utmost to follow the old paths that have been laid out centuries ago? We all want to honor our ancestors and their legacy. Are we encouraging our descendants to follow those same old paths?

Because we have not taught children how to follow the old paths, crimes of all kinds are on the rise. I'm going out on a limb here, but I believe it's because a lot of parents have failed

to take an active part in the lives of their children. I'm not talking about making it to every school event, ball game, soccer match, or band concert. Those things are well and good but there is a fundamental training that should take place every day and it begins at home. From there it should continue in church.

A kindergarten teacher once told my wife that on the first day of school, she could pick out the children in her class who went to church regularly. Those students had a head start over the other students because they knew how to behave in a classroom. Their behavior reflected the old path training they had received at home.

We do not have to be certified teachers to teach our children. We teach them even if we don't realize it. They listen when we speak of others and when we listen to each other. They observe what is important in our lives and notice what takes the majority of our time and attention.

Please for the sake of your future and the future of your children teach them the old ways. Then they will be able to teach their children the same.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” (John 5:24, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining

—Scott