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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Jan. 22 That is just your interpretation
Jan. 29 Dylan Atkins to speak

SUNDAY PM

Jan. 22 I thought I was right
Jan. 29 Who will be your preacher?

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

January 22, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryl Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Vanalstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Tina Heinz, Jim Loper

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Matt. 5:21,22 **PM:** 2 Kgs. 5:11,12

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Jan. 22 – Business meeting
Jan. 22 – Singing at 5 p.m.
Jan. 29 – Dylan Atkins to speak in the morning

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THE APPLE DOES NOT FALL FAR FROM THE TREE

Charles Coats

I have no idea when this expression was first used, nor what caused someone to first say it. Like so many old sayings, I am sure it has had a long history and probably a few changes before it became what we hear today.

Normally, when I hear this old saying, it is used about a parent who themselves are not what they are supposed to be and one or more of their children have grown up to be like them. It is a statement that is used to show that children are a product of their upbringing.

While a child can certainly grow up to be better than their upbringing, it is the general rule that a child will follow in the footsteps of their parents. This is one of the reasons that it is so important to be the parent God wants us to be. If the child is the product of his or her

upbringing, then we need to make sure they are brought up right!

In Eph. 6, God teaches us about both aspects of child rearing of which there are two sides. The child is taught by its parents and must follow that teaching. The parent must raise the child in the way of God. Notice what God teaches in Eph. 6:

1. Children are to obey and honor their parents (vss. 1,2). This is the responsibility of the child to listen to his or her parents and follow their teachings. And, in all they do, they are to show their parents and others the great love and respect they have for their parents ("honor").
2. Parents are to guide their children in the way of God ("in the Lord") (vs. 1). The greatest lessons our children will learn are those found in God's Holy Word. To give them anything less will be doing them a great disservice.
3. Fathers are taught to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (vs. 4). Again, the emphasis is on giving them the word of God and guiding them in God's ways. This will give them the foundation to live on and grow on. They can handle anything with God's word.

What a blessing it is to have children who walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Back several years ago, I read a newspaper article about a young man who was in a penitentiary in Texas. This may not seem all that newsworthy until you understand the reason for the article – the young man was in the same cell as his FATHER! Surely, the apple did not fall far from that tree.

When you and I think about the responsibility we have been given by God to rear children for Christ, let us remember to give them a "good tree from which to fall".