

The Jewish Key to Generational Prosperity and Influence: How to Ensure Your Family Fulfills Its God-Given Destiny

(STUDY GUIDE)

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“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.” (Matthew 28:18–19a)

Key: Jesus told His followers to disciple nations, not individuals.

I. The Seven Key Spheres of Influence (Mountains) of Culture

- A. The FAMILY: The FOUNDATION of all other six spheres of culture:
 - 1. Religion (or church)
 - 2. Government
 - 3. Business
 - 4. Education
 - 5. Media and social communication
 - 6. Arts and entertainment and film
- B. Whoever captures the key influential positions in society governs the culture. (Example: Airline pilots control the destination of the airplane.)
- C. People with a generational view of society can capture the six other spheres through sowing vision and values into their children and grandchildren.
- D. Christians in general have not had a generational view of society or the Kingdom of God.

II. A Discipled Nation: Where All Six Spheres of Influence Are Bible-Based and Governed by Godly Believers

- A. **Question:** Can you name one nation disciplined by Christians?
Answer: Not one has been disciplined in our present time.
- B. **Question:** What religion is effectively discipling nations?
Answer: MUSLIMS!
- C. **Question:** Can you name any nations in which the six key spheres of influence are based on the Koran and governed by true Islamic believers?
Answer: Sure, there are six or seven right now: "Islamic Republic of ..."
- D. **Question:** How many European nations will be completely disciplined by Islam in the next 20 to 30 years?
Answer: France, Spain, Germany, Sweden, and several others.
- E. **Question:** How are Muslims discipling nations?
1. Muslims disciple through EFFECTIVE GENERATIONAL FAMILY STEWARDSHIP AND TRANSFER OF VISION, VALUES, AND MISSION.
 2. Muslims are not into "Mosque planting."
 3. Muslims are into prayer five times a day.
 4. Muslims are into Generational Stewardship of their entire culture.
 5. Muslims conquer and disciple entire nations through Genesis 1:28, by being fruitful and multiplying generationally.

III. The Jewish People and Their Spheres of Influence

- A. We can learn from Jewish families, who have captured at least four of the six spheres of influence in the USA.
- B. Jewish people dominate these spheres:
1. Business and banking
 2. Education
 3. Media and communication (social media)
 4. Hollywood film and TV industry and other entertainment
 5. Science and technology
 6. Law
 7. Medicine

- C. According to the book, **The Jewish Phenomenon** by Thomas Silbiger, Jewish people comprise only 2% of the US population, yet Jewish people comprise:
1. 40% of the top 40 of the Forbes 400 richest Americans (all billionaires)
 2. 25% of all American Nobel prize winners
 3. 30% of all American Nobel prize winners in science
 4. 20% of all professors at leading US universities
 5. 40% of the partners at leading New York and Washington, DC law firms
 6. Jewish people own many of the major movie studios in Hollywood.
 7. Jewish people are the scriptwriters and producers for many Prime Time TV shows.
- D. **Question:** How does this tiny group of people (only 2% of the US population) influence our culture so powerfully?
Answer: They have in their culture a key practice that most Christians don't know or practice!
- E. **Christian generational stewardship**, compared to Jewish generational stewardship:
1. We Christians are losing our youth: We're not stewarding our families.
 2. According to crossexamined.org, WE HAVE A PROBLEM IN AMERICA!
 - a. 70–75% of Christian youth leave the church after high school (see research from the **Pew Research Center** and **USA Today**)
 - b. Between 35 million and 42 million youth raised in Christian homes will disaffiliate from Christianity by 2050.
 - c. The religiously unaffiliate population the USA will double from 17% to 35% (to 50–70 million people) by 2050.*
- *The Great Opportunity, ©2018 Pinetops Foundation, www.greatopportunity.org, pp. 18–19.
- d. Instead of our children prospering and being key influencers in society, many Christian children and grandchildren are rejecting the values of their parents and missing their destiny.
 - e. WHY are children doing this? Most of us don't understand or practice the Jewish key to generational prosperity and influence.

F. The Jewish key to generational prosperity and influence

1. Generational transfer of vision, values, and mission:
 - a. Jewish people effectively transfer vision, values, and mission generationally!
 - b. Their method: Regular heart-to-heart communication in a culture of **BLESSING!**
 - c. What the sons of Abraham do that others do not do: **They BLESS their children regularly.**
2. **Christian families could experience the same success if they adopted the same practices as many Jewish families.**

IV. The Power of Blessing (Genesis 27:30–41)

- A. **Question:** What was so powerful about this blessing that one son was willing to lie, deceive, and cheat to get it, and the other son wanted to kill because he didn't receive it?
- B. The meaning of *blessing* and *cursing* (**Baruch** in Hebrew):
 1. **To bless:** To impart God's message to the heart of another person. To accept, to consider a success, to speak well of, to step toward, to add to another's life, to kneel before, TO EMPOWER TO PROSPER.
 2. **To curse:** To impart Satan's message to the heart of another person. To reject, to consider a failure, to speak ill of, to step away from, to subtract from another's life, to lord it over, TO DISEMPOWER FROM PROSPERING.
- C. **Identity and destiny: Two key questions in life.**
 1. "Who am I? Am I loved, and do I have personal worth?"
 2. "Why am I here? Is my life significant? Is my life really making a difference?"
- D. **There are only two ultimate answers to these questions:**
 1. One is truth; the other is a lie.
 2. One blesses; the other curses the identity of the recipient.

- E. Human agents—called parents—are used by God or Satan to impart one or both of these messages into the hearts of children growing up.
- F. **Jewish family blessing practices.** Jewish families typically bless their children regularly every week on Friday night and at seven critical times during life:
 1. The husband blesses his wife, and the two parents together bless each of their children.
 2. What happens to Jewish children who were blessed every week? **Exactly what their parents “prophesied.”**
 3. All parents are prophets, but not all prophetic words are from God.
 4. Most Christian families have no regular practice of blessing.
 5. Some Christian parents curse their children in an attempt to correct or discipline their behavior.
 6. God sent Jesus to bless every family on earth—in **humility**. (The literal meaning of the Hebrew word *Baruch* is “to kneel before someone.”)
 7. Many times, humility and repentance are necessary before blessing.

V. Puberty: A Critical Time of Blessing

- A. **Questions:** When does a boy become a man? When does a girl become a woman?
Answer: No one knows. We have no rite of passage or way to release boys to become men and girls to become women.
- B. How did God intend for a child to be released into adult identity and destiny?
- C. Even if you missed blessing your children and grandchildren when they were younger, you can still initiate this cycle of blessing in your family now!
 1. **Example:** An 87-year-old father blessed his son on the son’s 65th birthday and changed his life.
 2. It’s never too late to start!
 3. Why not learn to create a culture of blessing in your family starting now and ensure that your progeny will prosper and become the key culture shapers in your society in the succeeding generations?

VI. The Jewish Key to Generational Prosperity and Influence: Learning How to Bless Your Children and Grandchildren at the Seven Critical Times of Blessing

- A. Blessing is God's primary mechanism of imparting vision, values, and mission.
- B. If no one has ever taught you the seven critical times of blessing and how to bless at those times, it is unlikely you will be able to release a culture of blessing to future generations.
- C. Learn this Jewish key to generational prosperity and influence now. Ensure that your children and grandchildren will prosper in all aspects of life and will fulfill their God-given destinies!