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What does the ideal home, family look like?

- Could you describe...?
- Is there such a thing?
- Do you even know what an ideal family is?
- Is it almost any family themed TV show or sitcom?
- With ideal Dad & Mom

A father's image – See Food for Thought in today's bulletin.

Here in our text: Paul is talking about his spiritual dealings (ministry) with these folks at Thessalonica. "...we were gentle, (7) we were compassionate (8), we labored (9) we were a testimony, (behaved) (10). We exhorted, comforted, charged every one of you (11)." HOW? "...as a father..."

He is assuming the relationship of a father:

How it will be... It is a ministry – the home is a smaller microcosm of the ministry done in the church. Fathers, mothers, children all need to understand: that God has given the home so that (v.12)! And then, to receive truth (v.13)!

But, because of sin, a sin filled world:

There is **hope deferred** in families...

My children did not turn out...

My expectations were...

This parenting thing is not what I expected.

As a child, I was abused, neglected...

Babies are supposed to be fun...

Children are supposed to be cute, not defiant!

My grown children are to be living all that I taught them

What about Hope Deferred in parents/children:

Is there hope deferred in children? Yes!

God made them with needs/expectations which we will talk about.

What about hope deferred in parents?

What can we learn, or how can we prevent it?

HOW WE CAN PREVENT HOPE DEFERRED:

I. HOPE DEFERRED IN PARENTS

- A. Baby expectations –
- B. Child

C. As they grow up and change

So, what happens to cause hope deferred?

1. The child doesn't live up to your expectations.
2. Your child has a personality that conflicts with yours.
3. Things you hate in yourself, you see in your child.

D. Then they become adults

II. HOPE DEFERRED IN CHILDREN - Young people listen to me...

A. You are expected:

- To live, grow, & be educated learn about your world as you grow, physically, mentally, emotionally!
- To be obedient and listen!
- To participate and have a good attitude in the family.
- To help out.
- To be appreciative.
- AND you are taught these!
- No matter what kind of home.

B. Now what are (sons, daughters) expectations, so no hope deferred...

Sons'/daughters' expectations:

- Physical needs met
- Social needs met
- Spiritual needs met

CONCLUSION:

- The truth about Hope deferred in families:
- Live right, do right – to keep heart sickness from happening, do it God's way.
- But, when hope deferred does come, because of sin and sin's results. Don't lose faith, God is good, He can help you. He can give strength.
- What fixes delayed hope in family?

What fixes hope deferred in family?

You do what you're supposed to... BE FAITHFUL!

Are you being the parent God intended you to be?

Are you being the son/daughter God wants you to be?

That God would help us to be honest about... *problems*

That we would remember that God is good!

That we would remember that God is faithful!

That we would remember that God forgives!

That we would remember that God **knows** our heart!

That we would remember to DEPEND ON HIM!