

All I Really Need To Know I Learned In The Home

- Introduction:
1. We value family here at the Karns Church of Christ.
 2. From time to time, we take for granted the countless blessings God bestows upon us.
 3. I for one have been guilty of taking “family” for granted.
 4. One year ago yesterday, my dad unexpectedly passed from this life.
 5. How many times have I wanted to talk to him since.
 6. Life is different now, and I guess it always will be.
 7. Death is a hard teacher, but one of the lessons it has taught me this past year is to value family more than I ever have before.
 8. Not only do I value my physical family, but I also value my spiritual family here at Karns.

I. 4 Out Of 168 Hours A Week Isn't Enough

- A. We have been affirming today that the church and the home must partner in raising a godly family.
- B. There's just too much time with the world and all its influences if the home is not doing its part in extending and enhancing the influence of the church.
- C. We will not fare well if we only have 4 hours out of 168 hours a week.
- D. The home must partner with the church, & be a place of grace, truth, and love.

II. All I Really Need To Know I Learned In The Home

- A. In 1986, Robert Fulghum wrote a best seller entitled, “All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten.”
 1. Some of his lessons learned were:
 - a. Share.
 - b. Play fair.
 - c. Don't hit people.
 - d. Put things back where you found them.
 - e. Clean up your own mess.
 - f. Say you're sorry.
 - g. Hold hands.
 - h. Take naps.
 2. These truths will aid you throughout your life, and coming to possess them didn't require an advanced degree. They were learned in Kindergarten.
- B. Likewise, I want to share a few truths that we can learn in a home that partners with the church.
 1. I've learned that some things are more valuable than money.
 - a. The average cost of raising a child to the age of 18 is \$245,000.00.
 - 1) Housing, food, clothing, transportation, education, health insurance, etc.

- b. What do you get for that much money.
 - 1) You get naming rights (First, Middle, and Last).
 - 2) Glimpses of God everyday.
 - 3) You get giggles under the covers at night.
 - 4) You get daring adventures in your backyard tent.
 - 5) You get sticky kisses and bear hugs.
 - 6) You get a hand to hold (usually covered with something sticky).
 - 7) You get a partner for blowing bubbles, flying kites, and playing games.
 - 8) You get someone who can make you laugh until you cry.
 - 9) You get presents unwrapped with reckless abandon on Christmas morning.
 - 10) You get more love than your heart can hold.
 - 11) And you get to be a hero.
- c. (Luke 12:15; 1 Timothy 6:10).
- 2. I've learned to see glimpses of God in unlikely times and places.
 - a. (Matthew 18:3; Mark 10:14).
 - b. Ills. of Kelli and armored car.
 - c. Ills. of Matthew and Mother Nature.
 - d. Ills. of Anne Marie and breakfast in bed.
- 3. I learned longsuffering in the home.
 - a. (2 Peter 3:9; 15) the Lord is not slack...consider that the long suffering of the Lord is salvation.
 - b. Ills. Dad cutting the extension cord.
- 4. I learned sincerity or authenticity in the home.
 - a. (Eph. 6:24) Grace be with all those who love the lord in sincerity.
 - b. (Philippians 1:10) Sincere till the day of Christ.
 - c. Ills. Dad praying.
- 3. I learned that love and discipline go hand in hand.
 - a. (John 3:16; Hebrews 12:5-11).
 - b. Ills. of getting in trouble in church.
 - c. Love isn't license; it's sacrifice and doing hard things.

- Conclusion:
- 1. You see, in a home that partners with the church, a person doesn't face the overwhelming odds of 4 hours out of 168 hours.
 - 2. A home that partners with the church can have a great impact for the cause of Christ by reinforcing biblical, godly principles every day of the week.
 - 3. May God help us to have godly homes.