

# **Discipleship - A Three-Pronged Approach – 12/15/12 Men’s Study**

Handout Supplement to Voddie Baucham, Family Shepherds, chapter 2

## **I. Defining Discipleship**

## **II. Verses Commanding/Calling for a Father to Instruct/Disciple His Children**

Genesis 18:19  
Exodus 10:1-2, 12:24-27 (note v. 3-4, 21)  
Deuteronomy 32:45-46  
Joshua 4:21-24  
Psalm 78:2-8  
Isaiah 54:13, 59:21  
Jeremiah 35:14  
Joel 1:2-3  
Ephesians 6:4

## **III. Verses Commending Others Giving Biblical Instruction to Young People**

- A. Mothers to their own children (Proverbs 31 [note v. 1, 26], 1:8, 6:20)
- B. Grandparents to grandchildren (Exodus 10:2, Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:1-2)
- C. Older believers to the next generation (Dt. 32:7, Ps 48:13, 71:18, 145:4)
- D. All believers to all generations (including youth, Ps 79:13, 89:13, but youth must beware youthful peer input: 1 Kings 12, Pr 7:7, 13:20)
- E. Teachers of youth (Ps 119:9, 99-100, Pr 5:12-13, 1:3-4, Eccl 11:9-12:2)
- F. In Bible times groups of Jewish boys learned Torah at synagogue or at the feet of a rabbi teaching biblical truth (Acts 22:3 "*I am a Jew... brought up...educated at the feet of Gamaliel...to the law*" ESV)
- G. Boys as young as 12 might interact with other teachers (Luke 2:42, 45)
- H. Joshua was mentored by Moses since his youth (Numbers 11:28 ESV)
- I. Paul disciplined Timothy in his teen years to maturity (1 Tim. 1:2, 4:12)
- J. Pastors/elders are to give attention to teaching young men (Titus 2:6-8)
- K. Godly older women disciple younger women (Titus 2:3-5, Lk 1:39-45)
- L. Believers equipped by pastors/teachers to minister to young in faith to maturity, so they'll grow up in the truth of Christ (Eph. 4:11-15)
- M. All followers of Jesus are to make disciples, teaching them (Mt 28:19)

In American colonies in the 1700s churches began supplementing fatherly teaching and pulpit teaching by classes for children (Sunday School), but dads were still held primarily responsible in family discipleship, worship. We must keep biblical balance with #2 above

## **IV. Discipleship in Titus (what Baucham calls "3 prongs/legs of a stool")**

- 1st leg: godly, mature men and women in the church (Titus 2)
- 2nd leg: godly, manly pastors/elders (Titus 1, 1 Timothy 3:4-5)
- 3rd leg: biblically functioning homes (Titus 1:10-11, Eph 6:1-4)

## **V. Discussion of Chapter**