(21) Live, **GIVE,** Grow, Go GIVE To Your Family

**Story about Nick, Brenda, and Harper…**

**Fire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**James 3:5-6**

Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

* A fire spreads…
* Catches one’s whole life on fire…
* Catches other peoples’ lives on fire too…

**Some Things I’ve Noticed…**

* If I come home after work, after a long or difficult day, and I’m grumpy, or irritated, or short-fused, and I allow the fire of my feelings to spill out on and spread to my wife by my words…It changes the whole mood of the night for my whole family…
  + Brittny is effected (hurt, disappointed, let down…that morphs into irritation, anger, frustration)
  + If flows down to the boys
  + **I caused all of it! The Change in Atmosphere, Mood, and Outlook for My Whole Family**

**I have watched husbands and/or wives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their spouse’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Belittle their opinions
* Speak Harshly or Down to Them…

**Proverbs 12:18**

There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing.

**I have seen parents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a willing heart and spirit in their child**

* Negativity
* Perfectionism
* Their Own Hurt

**Ephesians 6:4**

Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**Colossians 3:21**

Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

**I have seen kids, teenagers, and young adults \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their parents in a deeply hurtful way that reveals only a shadow of things to come…**

**God is serious about this!**

Leviticus 20:9; Deut. 21:18-21; Proverbs 20:20; 30:17; Exodus 21:17; Romans 13:2

* **Parents, you have huge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in this area…**

*“A child who is disrespectful to his parents will not have true respect for anyone…”*

* Billy Graham
* **You Cripple your child spiritually** if you don’t require them to be respectful in both speech and action to You, and others…
* **Don’t choose** the comfort of no conflict, allaying fears of not being liked, afraid your child will be upset…**Over their future and wellbeing…**

**Your husband, your wife, your children, your parents, your brothers, your sisters…Everyday the world does all it can to:**

* Tear them down
* Destroy their confidence
* Discourage and Dishearten them
* Annihilate their worth and value
* Make them afraid of the future

**Proverbs 15:4** A soothing tongue is a tree of life…

**1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14-18**

**11**Therefore **encourage one another and build up one another**… **14**We urge you, brethren, **admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.** **15**See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but **always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. 16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks;** for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.