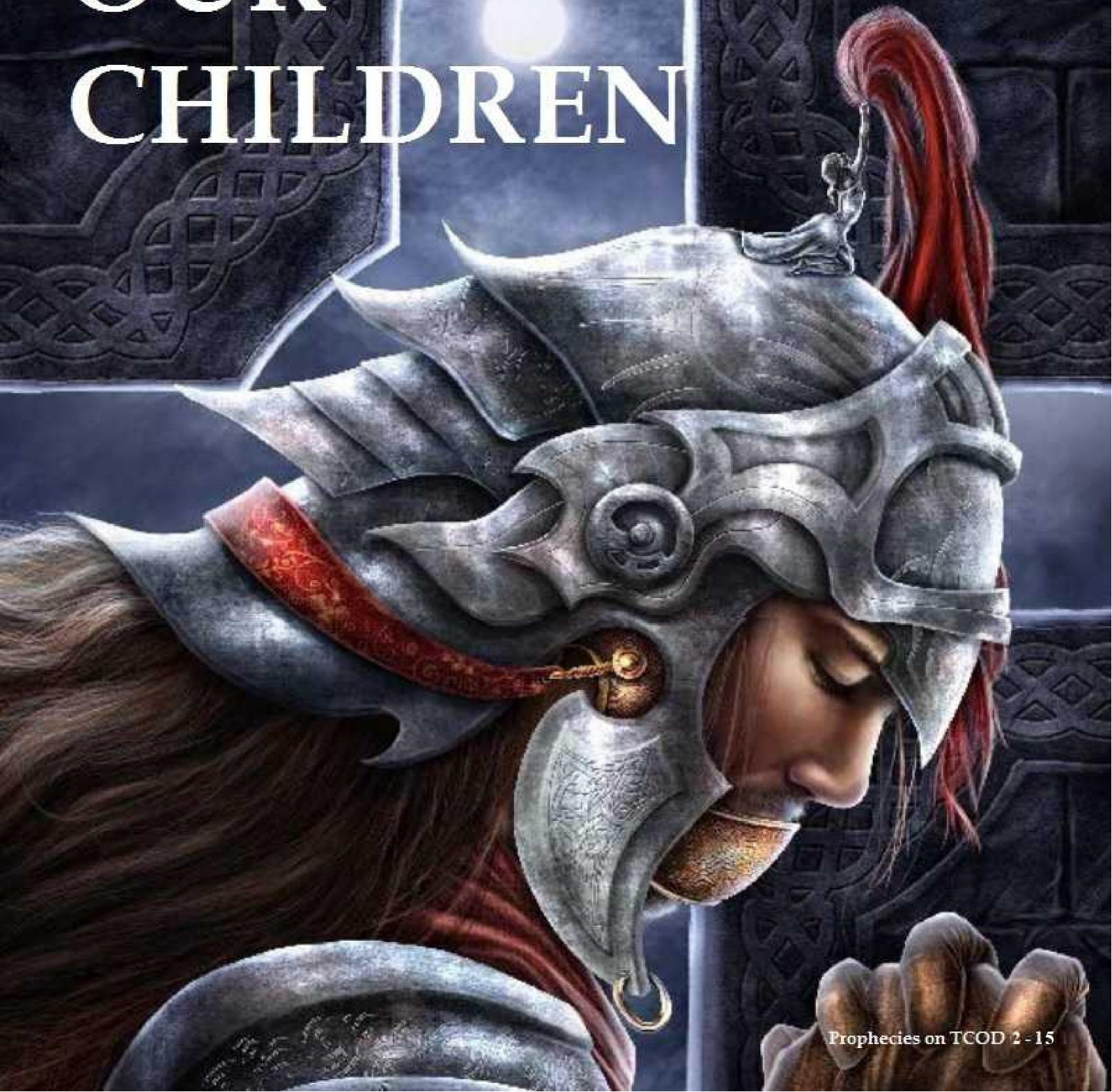


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(David speaking:) I don't care how poor you are, how much you're struggling, or how difficult your mission field is, you can still be a good sample to the children! You can still be a sample of loving the Lord, of giving your whole heart, mind and body to Him, of wanting to serve Him and please Him above everything else.

That's the crux of the matter. That's what makes a good Christian sample, when you show that you love the Lord more than anything. You want to please Him. You seek His will, and you're willing to forsake your personal desires, your personal agenda. You're willing to forsake all to follow Jesus, to please Him. You want more than anything to hear His Word. That's your greatest pleasure--to hear His Word and to please Him. That's what it is to be a good Christian sample, not only to your children, but to those people you witness to and everybody who sees you, your own brothers and sisters, the other Family members you live with. It's not very difficult to know how to be a good sample if you'll just use that as your measuring stick.

Are you loving the Lord more than anything else? Are you trying to please Him and obey Him more than anything else? Are you forsaking your own ways and thoughts and plans and burdens and pleasures in order to please the Lord, saying, "Not my will but Thine be done"? Are you seeking Him first? Are you loving Him the most? Are you turning your back on the ways of the world to embrace the ways of the Kingdom of God?

Come on, you guys, you old folks, you parents, you shepherds, you adults! Surely you know by now what the Lord expects of you, what kind of sample He expects you to be to your children and to each other!

Don't you understand that now the Lord is testing you? He wants to see what you'll do for Him and what you'll be for Him of your own free will.

Now you get up every day and you make your own choices of how to spend your time, what to read, what to do, what to talk about, how you are going to train your children, how you are going to minister to your contacts, how faithful you're going to be with witnessing. The Lord is watching and He wants to see who are the faithful ones. He wants to see who are the ones that are going to seek Him and His Kingdom first, even if they don't have anybody making them, but they do it out of a desire to please Him because they love Him.

Is that you? Are you one of the faithful ones? Are you one of the shepherds? Are you one of the samples? Or are you going your own way and

doing your own thing and becoming polluted and weakened by the inroads of the Enemy and the ways of the world?

(Prophecy continues:) What do you think it does to your children when they read one thing in the Word, but they see something completely different in you and in your lifestyle and in your sample? What do you think they think when they read in the Word, the Letters, and the Bible about the importance of witnessing, how the most important thing in life is to win souls and serve Jesus and get out the message? And yet they look at you and they see your lives are undisciplined, unscheduled, you're not redeeming the time, and you seem to have no desire for souls, so you lounge around and waste time with foolishness. What do you think your children think? What effect does that have on their lives? What effect does that have on their faith in the Word, the Bible and the Letters?

What do you think your children think when they read in the Bible and the Letters that the most important thing is love--to love the Lord and to love each other, to bear one another's burdens, to lay down your life for others, to serve one another in love, to think about the needs of others, to lift each other up, to be kind and considerate, to give to one another, to share your worldly goods, to share your abundance, to share your time. That's what they read in the Word is the most important thing, and yet what do you think they think when they look at you and they see your unloving acts, your bickering, your talking about each other behind each other's backs, your speaking critically about your brethren, your nagging your husband or your wife, your being selfish about your provisioning or your contacts or the funds in your Home, your not working in unity with the other Homes in your city? In some cases you're not even on speaking terms with each other, much less opening your arms to one another in love and humility, and seeking to preserve unity and resist the Enemy and his desire to divide and conquer.

Don't you think this kind of behavior affects your children? Don't you realize that they're watching you? They hear what you say, they see how you act, they feel those "bad vibes" of the division, the criticalness, the lack of love. Of course your children can see it and sense it, and it undermines their faith in the Lord's Love and His Word!

Even your littlest children can sense when there is something wrong in the spirit. But because they love you and they respect you and they look up to you as their parents, they don't blame you, but they blame the Lord, they blame the Word, and they blame the Family.

What do you think your kids think when they read in the Bible and the

Letters to resist worldly influences, to be dropped out, to forsake all, to take up your cross daily and follow Him, to be not yoked together with unbelievers, to come out from among them and be separate, to use the System but not be used by it, to resist the Devil and his evil ways, to reject Babylon and all of her delicacies? And yet they see in you, their parents, a sample of just the opposite! You're opening your hearts and minds and eyes and drinking in all the evils of the System through bad television programs, bad and violent movies, ungodly music, time-wasting books and games, unedifying conversations, too much drinking, watching hour after hour of sports.

Don't you think that sends a signal to your kids that it's okay for them to do the same thing?--To listen to all the demonic rock music they want to, to play senseless video games, to go out and hang around the malls and waste time, to watch the wrong kind of movies and television, and generally partake of the System in any way they want to.

Don't you think it dulls their senses when they see that you do such things? How can they have conviction to resist when they see that you have no fear of the Lord, you're not dropped out, you're not separate, you're becoming one in all the wrong ways. And through this, the Enemy has an inroad for his propaganda, his evil thoughts and wrong attitudes, his false standard of morality, his wrong morals, his backward way of looking at things, his evil attacks on faith.

What do you think your kids think when they read in the Bible and the Letters that we are living in the Endtime: "Redeem the time, for the days are evil! Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Raise your voice as a warning prophet! Preach the Word to every creature and to all nations, for you are living in the Last Days!" And yet they look at you, their parents, and the other adult samples, and they see you lounging around wasting time, not pressing in to get out the message or warn the people or follow up on your sheep, not pressing in to memorize the Word and study the Bible and the Letters about the Endtime!

They don't see you seeking the Lord desperately, stirring up your spirit to follow closely, learning to exercise the gift of prophecy, hearing from the Lord fresh every day, making sure your Home is fruitful and financially sound, and making progress with regular supporters and "consider the poor" ministries and good relations with the neighbors and the city fathers. All of this is preparation for the future. But what do you think your kids think if they see that you have no regard for these things, that you are living each day as it comes, just loping along being lazy and wasting time?

It's really pitiful! It's so sad! I can hardly do the subject justice! I feel like

screaming! I feel like weeping! I feel like shaking you and saying, "Wake up! Don't you see what you're doing to your kids? Don't you see the effect that your bad sample is having on them? Don't you realize that they're in their formative years, and what you pour into them and what you make them now when they're young is what they'll be all their lives, except by a miracle of God?!"

You have an opportunity to do something great for the Lord through your children by being faithful and diligent, by working hard to be the right kind of sample. Will the Lord say to you when He sees the returns on His investment, "Well done, My good and faithful servant"? Or will you be ashamed?

Boy, I'll tell you, you'll rue the day that you were unfaithful with your kids when you go to be with the Lord! You'll lament with great lamenting, more than I can even express to you, if you are not faithful with your kids, if you are not the sample that you should be, if you don't love them like you should, and train them and teach them and lead them in the way that they should go. You'll be so sorry.

I don't care what your circumstances are, or what your situation is, you can always be a good example to your children! You can be an example of faith, an example of loving the Lord, an example of putting Him first. There's no excuse for not being a Christian sample! I don't care what your limitations or your difficulties are, or if you've fallen on hard times--you can still be a good sample! Even if you're going through a rough time, a time of testing, even if you're short on funds or you're pioneering--no matter what you're doing, you can always be a testimony of loving the Lord and others, and having faith in His Word.

If you are this kind of sample even during trying times, your children will see it and they will respect you for it. They'll know you're the real thing, you've got what it takes. They'll see your sincerity and your dedication, and it will shine more brightly in their eyes than any of the difficulties that they may be experiencing.

(Prophecy continues:) I know you parents and adults are having a hard time with some of your kids. They've gotten wild, they've gotten disrespectful. They're trying their wings a little bit, they're testing the waters, and they, too, are not being the sample to their younger brothers or sisters, or to each other, that they should be. They, too, are failing the Lord in many ways by not living up to the Lord and their training and their conviction and what they know to be the truth. And in many ways the Lord is not very pleased with them either.

But your kids' bad behavior or their lack of respect or their going off on a tangent is no excuse for you parents to not live up to your convictions and to not

be the kind of sample that you should be. You are still the parents and they are still the kids. The Lord holds you responsible.

You can't expect to get your kids under control by laying down some heavy rules or beating them over the head with the law. Your yelling and screaming and nagging them is not going to do it. You have to inspire their respect through your sample. You have to show them that you're willing to practice what you preach. You have to prove to them that you believe the Word by being willing to live it yourself. If you want them to love the Lord and to serve Him, then you have to be willing to do the same.

As much as you hate to admit it or realize it, kids follow in the footsteps of their father and mother and the other adult samples. Rarely are young kids more obedient or loving than their parents. Rarely are young kids more dedicated to the Lord than their parents. Like the Bible says, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Mat.7:20). Those kids are your fruit. They are you. They are a mirror of you--your attitudes, your training, your sample.

Sure, in some cases you parents have done your very, very best. You have been faithful and loyal to the Lord, you have served Him obediently and done your best, and in some cases your kids, when they got older, still made the wrong decisions and they went the wrong way. In that case, you're not to blame, because every child has a free will and he makes his own decisions. But for you parents who are not doing your best and not being the samples you should be, not laying down your lives for others and not training your kids, not expecting them to uphold the standard, in that case, if your kids go astray, the Lord will hold you responsible as well. Of course, they will be to blame too, because as I said, each child has a free will. Each child makes his own choices. But you parents help pave the way for your children's choices by the training you give them and by your personal sample.

(Prophecy continues:) I knew that there would be a time of recklessness, when the obedience of many would decline.

The army has been undisciplined long enough, and now you need to buckle down and get back to some serious business serving the Lord! You've burned free without many restrictions for long enough. Now it's time to get back to work, back to serving the Lord, witnessing full-time, and by all means, training your children!

(Prophecy continues:) Check your hearts, check your lifestyle, check how

you spend your time. Check how obedient you are to the Word, and see what kind of sample you are being to your kids. When they look at you, do they see Jesus?--Or what do they see? Are you leading them through your sample?--Or are you merely preaching them hollow sermons? Are you helping them to understand and know God's Love by your own example of love?--Or are they doubting God's Love for them because they don't see it in you? Are you teaching them to hunger after the Word, have faith in the New Wine, and desire to hear from the Lord?--Or are they skeptical and indifferent and doubting because of your sample, your lack of interest, your lack of faithfully feeding from the Word and putting it into practice?

Think about these things and ask yourselves these questions, because if you don't discipline yourselves, the Lord will. If you don't judge yourselves, the Lord will. He has placed in your hands His most precious possession, His children. He has given them to you to care for and love and teach and train as He would have you to do. If you fail in that job, it will break His heart.

The Lord is counting on you. He is depending on you. He gave you those children because He knew that you could do it, that He could trust you with them, if you only will. He will supply your every need, and give you anything to make it easier for you to teach and train your children, if you only will. He will lead you beside the still waters and to the green pastures and help you to teach your children to follow Him step by step, if you only will. He will give you a sweet, loving, unified relationship with each other so that you can be an example of His Love to others, to your children, if you only will. He will teach you to love Him intimately so that you will have a desire to put Him first above all things, so that you can teach your children how to have Him as their First Love, if you only will.

So I again ask you the same question that I asked you more than 20 years ago: What is that in thy hand? And what are you doing with it for Jesus? God help you to be faithful, because if you are, your rewards will be greater than you could possibly imagine! But if you're not, you'll be so, so sorry. The choice is yours. Love, mad, sad, desperate Dad. (*End of prophecy.*)