

*“Leaving a Godly Legacy”*

## **Jonathan Edward's Legacy**

- 13 college president
- 65 college professors,
- 30 judges
- 100 lawyers
- 60 physicians
- 75 army and navy officers
- 100 pastors
- 60 authors of prominence
- 3 United States senators
- 80 public servants in other capacities including governors and ministers to foreign countries
- one vice-president of the United States

## **Max Jukes' Legacy**

- 310 died as paupers
- at least 150 were criminals (including 7 murderers)
- more than 100 were drunkards and
- half of his female descendants ended up as prostitutes

*“Our children are messengers we send  
to a time we will not see.”*

# **I. Discipline Yourself for the Purpose of Godliness**

## **1 Timothy 4:7,8**

But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

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## **Matthew 9:36**

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

*“harassed and helpless” (NIV)*



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*A. Quality vs. Quantity*

*“The average number of minutes a father spends talking to his children is seven per day. You cannot shape and form your children in seven minutes a day. A father should spend at least an hour each day with his children, not only talking but just being there.” - Dr. Clifton Chadwick*

“The truth is that children do not want "quality" time. They just want time. Lots of it.”

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## **Philippians 1:9**

And this I pray, that your love may abound still  
more and more in real knowledge and all  
discernment

*“He seemed intent, above all else, on making us a commercial success. But what I wanted was a dad. I wanted a father who showed me love. And my father never did that.”* - Michael Jackson

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## Mark 3:13-15

And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve, so that they would *be with Him* and that He could send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons.



## **Acts 16:3**

Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

## **Philippians 2:19-21**

But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus

## **2 Timothy 3:10,11**

Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!

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*“Gone fishing today with my son; a day wasted.”*

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# **III. Bring them Up With Discipline & Instruction**

## **Ephesians 6:4**

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger,  
but bring them up in the discipline and  
instruction of the Lord.

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# **III. Bring them Up With Discipline & Teaching**

*A. Prohibition*

*B. Prescription*



*"Parents must not be content with habits without principles. Otherwise, when the child is left to himself he will stray from the path. This is the real difficulty in training. Children need to find real joy and happiness in doing the things commanded."* - Andrew Murray

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