

Past, Present and Future
Eph.6:4; Gal.3:22-27
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Gal.3:24 In fact, the Law was our teacher. It was supposed to teach us until we had faith and were acceptable to God. 25 But once a person has learned to have faith, there is no more need to have the Law as a teacher.

Gal.3:26 All of you are God's children because of your faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (CEV)

Our Fathers have/had a unique responsibility given them from their heavenly Father, to see that their children were taught right ways. (Gen.18:19; Deut.4:9-10; 11:18-21; Psa.78:5-6; Eph.6:4) Psalm 78 speaks well the reason for instruction concerning the Lord; for a better future.

David was a man after God's own heart but even with that said, he was not always a good father to his children. His heart desired what was right and good for his many children even if he failed to carry out all those things to perfection. His words to Solomon are righteous in intent and content: 1Ch_28:9 "And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.

When the instruction we have received is poor or errant and those instructions are then followed,

poor results can be expected. (Story of the Biosphere failure) Extreme Enclosure

Dubbed an "atmospheric nightmare" by the New York Times, a \$200 million scientific experiment called Biosphere 2 sought to prove an evolutionary theory that the Earth and its living creatures evolved together in a self-regulating system that maintained conditions that were optimum for life. The experiment involved a giant, tightly-sealed glass and steel enclosure containing 4,000 species of plants and animals – and eight scientists.

But the project ended in embarrassment. In short order, oxygen began to run out, hundreds of species died out, and crops failed. A particular species of insect known as the "crazy ant" for its speed and erratic behavior thrived, and millions of them began to overrun the experiment. The scientists grew paranoid and began fighting each other. (From: Vantage Point - June 17th, 2016)

The biosphere experiment thought they understood the world and how it operated but their information didn't include God. In the absence of God and His Holy Word the experiment was doomed to failure. So will be anyone's life if they do not include it. God's Word rightly held in heart and mind will secure a better future, always.

Being taught and trained for the sake of a successful future is what good fathers should want for their children. Our perfect example to model and strive to imitate will always be our Heavenly Father. May He be praised forever by all His children.