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WHEN THE BABY COMES: BLESSING OR BOMBHELL

LUKE 1:5-14 and 1:26-33.

INT:

Luke 1 and 2 a Doctor's view of the birth and growth of two little babies. Comments: 1:80 and 2:52.

Importance seen in their relation to God. Mark. 10:14-15.

Every birth is a blessing or a bombshell to a family.

Ill. Houston father of 12 disappeared. Caught. Asked why left. "Honor, wasn't any room for me any longer"

Baby is a blessing to every home which has PREPARED for it.

Baby is a bomb shell to every home UNPREPARED for it.

VITAL STATEMENT: "Parenthood is a science and an art— more important and more necessary to be understood than anything else in life. BUT IS IT? It is, more often than not, taken for granted and is ^{more} at the mercy of CHANCE than any other phase of living. At the birth of a child, every parent undertakes a responsibility NOT TO BE ASSUMED lightly, but as a special privilege, to be handled to the best of his ability and understanding. It is EACH parent who creates the pattern that the child will follow." Emily Post.

LESSON: Four lessons connected to lives of two little boys

I. BABY'S LIFE WAS DETERMINED BEFORE IT WAS BORN.

- A. John's parents described: Lk. 1:6. Totally dedicated.
- B. Christ's parents. 1:35. Mary, 1:46-50. Joseph, Matt. 1:19.
- C. QUESTION: What manner of child shall this be? Lk. 1:66.
 - 1. John's life mission planned. Luke 1:76-79. Prophet.
 - 2. Christ's life mission planned. Matthew 1:20-25.
- D. OUR PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY: Protect God's property.
 - Ecc. 12:7.
 - Ezekiel 18:4.

II. BOTH COUPLES WORKED CLOSELY WITH GOD.

- A. John Baptist was a product of prayer. Vs. 7 & 13.
 - 1. Prayer and consecration places marital relationship far above gratification of animal passion. Purpose!!
- B. Cases where parents were not working closely with God.
 - 1. Ill. F. B. I. Agent: "I'll give you my son." 17 yrs.
 - 2. Ill. County Probation Officer. "Where is my son, its 2:30 a.m." Home at 11:30, empty, left, wandering.
 - 3. Ill. William Rolling's case. Father, Christian and mother an egotistical athiest -school teacher!

III. COUPLES KNEW GIVING "ETERNAL" EXISTANCE TO A NEW LIFE.

- A. Birth brings life to something that will never die!
 - 1. A good life never ends. John 11:25-26.
 - 2. A bad life never dies (vanishes) either. Rev. 14:11.
- B. Every baby needs Christian inheritance and environment.

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IV. PARENTS WILL ANSWER TO GOD FOR "WHAT MANNER OF CHILD-THIS CHILD SHALL BE."

- A. First line of responsibility in Great Commission are those most directly under our influence. Mk. 16:
- B. Mother carries greater weight while the off-spring are infants and children. I Tim. 5:14. Titus 2:4-5.
- C. Father carries greater weight when the off-spring reach the youthful years. Eph. 6:1-4.
 - 1. One Helpful Solution: By Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz, Senior Judge of Brooklyn's highest criminal court. SOLUTION IN NINE WORDS: "Put Father back at the head of the Family." Nation of permissive, head-strong matriarchs. (This Week, 12-15-57)
- D. Happiness comes from proper family roll-playing.
 - 1. King of the kingdom and head of the home.
 - 2. Queen of the kingdom and helpmeet to the king.
 - 3. Parents guide and discipline. Prov. 22:6.
 - 4. Children honor and obey united-parents. Eph. 5:1

INV: When the baby comes the parents will have most FEARFUL responsibility a human being will ever have: SOUL!!!

Every baby alive has a right to have a Chr. mother. If not, why not? What better standard???

Every baby alive has a right to have a Chr. father. If not why not? What makes better men?

B*R*C*B

Every child and young person has a right to have a FAITHFUL father and mother too! R-P.

Reluctance: Afraid I'll lose influence!

Already done that! Reclaim Some!!!

Every Christian needs to be securely settled in a happy church home; work more. Identify NOW.

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