

John # 64 “The Father Loves And Shows” *John 5:7-23; Hebrews 3:7-11; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 3:1-18;*

So what caused the attitude of the religious leaders to viciously intensify from their question in *John 2:18;*

“The Jews responded to Him, what sign can You show us to prove Your authority to do all this?”

Just what brought about their utter hatred for Him? Jealousy; *John 4:1-3* “Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that He was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized but his disciples. So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.”

The Lord Jesus left the area because the Jewish leaders ultimately desired to murder Him for breaking their man-made self-imposed interpretation of the Sabbath along with His rightful claim to equality with God.

“Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee.” Augustine

Every Saturday, the Jews were to rest on the last day of the week to benefit them physically, mentally and

most importantly, spiritually because it was a reminder of God’s amazing grace.

We rest in God when we place Him first in our lives and stop depending on ourselves, other people or the one that entices us so easily; pleasant circumstances to make us happy and fulfilled.

Parents have a tremendous responsibility to their children because how they train their children determines what

the next generation in any nation will be.

Parents are responsible to train their children in the natural functions of life and the spiritual principles of life; they must train the bodies, minds or souls and spirits of their children.

So, contrary to the opinion of many dads and some moms, parents are not only responsible for the food, shelter, clothing and healthcare of their children but also for the shaping of their thinking, attitudes, manners, self-discipline and humble confidence of their children.

In a Christian home, all children must have a sense of balance which includes indoctrination in the fundamentals of freedom along with the principles

of authority in life and how and why these two must be merged together for maximum blessing.

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Hebrews 13:17 “Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”

As long as our children live at home, they are under our authority which does not mean that we are belligerent tyrants but loving, firm leaders with the ultimate goal of working ourselves out of a job

by handing the next generation of responsible adults to the world.

Disorientation to life begins when a child either rejects his parental authority or he is able to overcome it

by subverting it, so we must love our children fairly and firmly or they’ll will grow up to be societal burdens.

Nothing is more destructive to a person than to go through his entire life rejecting authority because of a bad habit adopted in childhood.

This is why far too many people today cannot rest because they’re disoriented to authority and therefore, not trusting in the Ultimate Authority, God alone.

“Man’s true rest is not a rest from human earthly labor but a rest for divine labor.” Brooke Foss Westcott

Because God the Father continues to work on the Sabbath and the Lord Jesus Christ is equal to the Father,

He too should be able to work on the Sabbath.

The Lord Jesus Christ's answer in effect: “I did what I did because I'm God and as God, I don't do anything wrong,

so just maybe the problem is with you!”

“My hour has not yet come.”

The Lord Jesus Christ knew many would reject Him but for the “some” who would receive Him and for the accountability of all either way, He was willing to provoke a response.