# Four Family Loves:

A Curriculum for Building Good Character and Loving Families

#### **Parental Love**







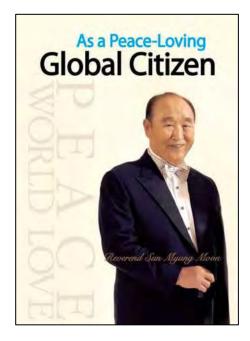


Chapter 10

Love, Life and Lineage

Parental love wants to give, and give, and never stop giving.

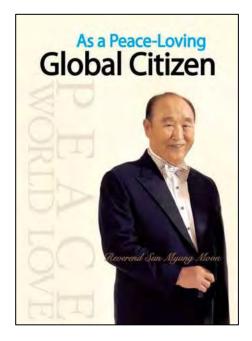
#### Parental Love is True Love



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The basis of love is the heart that sacrifices everything for the sake of the other. The reason parental love is true love is that parents are willing to give everything to their children, and when they have given everything, they want to give even more ...

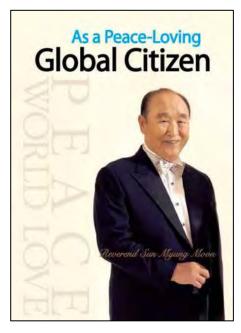
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... Parents who love their children do not even remember what they have given. No parent would keep track of all the shoes and clothes he bought for his child and say, "This is how much I spent on you." ...

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... Instead, a parent gives everything he has and says, "I wish I could do more for you than I have, and I'm sorry that I cannot."

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# Parental Love is the Love of our Heavenly Parent

Where do you find this universal law of love in the world of humans? .... It survives only in the place where mother and father love their children. This is because parental love reflects the love of God for human beings.

Parents want their children to be better than themselves.

#### Children Better than Parents



When we as parents look into the faces of our children, we wish upon them an infinite amount of love and hope. We want them to grow and achieve things we ourselves only dreamed of.

Parental Love is Vertical and Expands Horizontally.

# Parental Love Expands

Gods love, which is parental love, is vertical, and the love of a man and a woman is horizontal. The man and woman's task is to engraft their horizontal love into the vertical love.

# Love, Life and Lineage

#### Love, Life or Lineage?

There is nothing more important to us than love, life and lineage. But among these, which do you think has the most value? ...



#### Love, Life or Lineage?

... Many people think that it is love. However, no matter how valuable love and life are, they are horizontal in nature. They appear and conclude within one generation. On the other hand, lineage is vertical in nature and continues forever, generation after generation.

#### **Universal Principles of Peace**

"Dual Purpose" Principle

Live for the sake of others

**Essence of Goodness** 

"Pair System" Principle

Love for the sake of others

Essence of True Love

#### **Universal Principles of Peace**

# Life + Love = Lineage

### Love, Life and Lineage

Builds Strong Marriages,
Histories, Nations and
Eventually Heaven on Earth

#### Marriage, Lineage, History and Heaven

Marriage joins together the life of one woman and the life of one man. In time, through children, it joins the lineage of the man and the lineage of woman. It thus begins a history, a nation, the world, and the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

# Love, Life and Lineage

Root of our Conscience.

### **Lineage and Conscience**

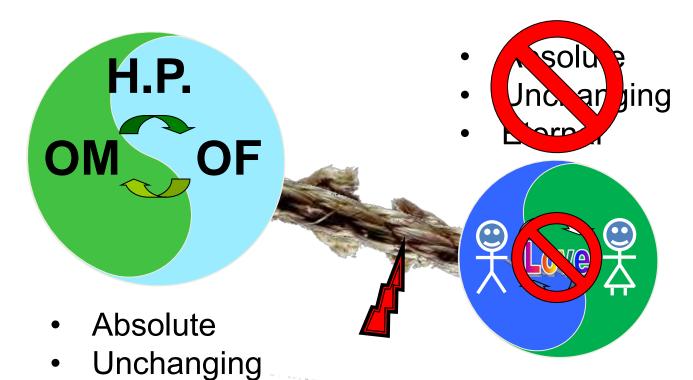
The conscience is vertical. It dwells in the inner place where we inherit God's love, life and lineage.



# Love, Life and Lineage

Connects us to our ancestors and even to our Heavenly Parent.

#### Marriage: To Resemble God



Eternal

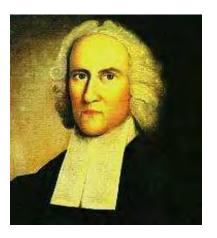
Misusing love → Separates us from our H.P.

### Love, Life and Lineage

The Power of Lineage



MAX JUKES (photo of a descendant



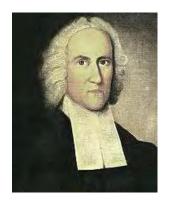
**JONATHAN EDWARDS** 

Compare two lineages
Two 18<sup>th</sup> century Americans

Jukes was an immigrant that arrived in New York in the early 1700s. He was an agnostic and alcoholic. He couldn't hold a job, and married a prostitute. Jukes is said to have believed in the abolition of laws and to have formed a movement that preached free sex.



MAX JUKES (photo of a descendant





**Jonathan and Sarah Edwards** 

Jonathan has been called America's most important and original philosophical theologian. He was the first president of Princeton University and one of the leaders during the "Great Awakening." Sarah, his wife, he called "a young lady ...who is beloved of that Great Being, who made and rules the world." He wrote to her, on his death-bed, "that the uncommon union, which has so long subsisted between us, has been of such a nature, as I trust is spiritual, and therefore will continue forever." They had eleven children.

#### MAX JUKES

903 descendants traced

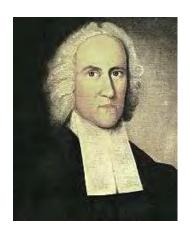
- 310 delinquents who never finished school and died in poverty
- 145 confirmed drunkards
- 190 public prostitutes
- 285 had sexually transmitted diseases
- 150 imprisoned, average of 13 years
- 7 convicted murderers
- His descendants cost New York State between a half million and one and a quarter million dollars.



#### JONATHAN AND SARAH EDWARDS

1,394 descendants traced

- 13 college presidents
- 65 college professors
- 30 judges
- 100 lawyers
- 60 physicians
- 75 army and navy officers
- 100 pastors
- 60 prominent authors
- 80 public servants in other capacities including governors and ministers to foreign countries
- 3 United Stated senators
- 1 Vice-President of the United States

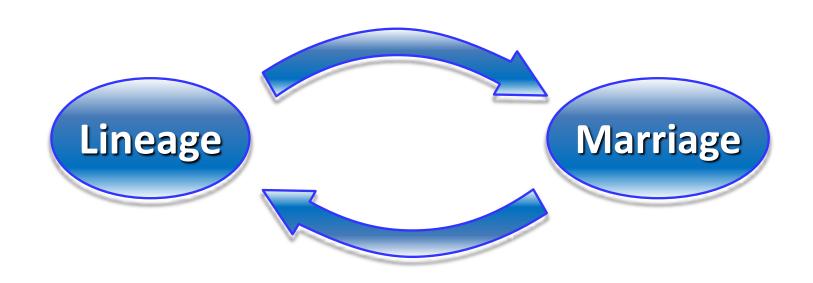




# Love, Life and Lineage

Making Lineages Stronger

#### Marriage & Lineage



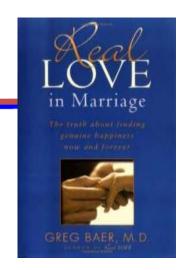
#### **12 Generations No Divorce**



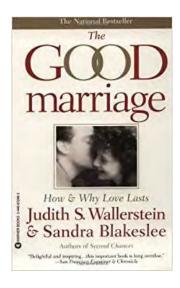
Toshiki Kaifu (海部 俊樹), Prime Minister of Japan H.E. Toshiki Kaifu, the 76<sup>th</sup> and 77<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Japan, comes from a lineage were there has been no divorce for 12 generations.

# Save Sex for Marriage

By husband and wife reserving sex exclusively for their spouse, each are able to communicate a more profound level of love to the other. (Paraphrased)



# "A marriage that commands loyalty... requires each partner to relinquish self-centeredness."



Judith S. Wallerstein, The Good Marriage: How and Why Love Lasts

# Marriage Matters

Again and again... human societies have reaffirmed their dependence on the family as the basic unit of human living—the family of father, mother and children.



# The Parent-Child Relationship

Among love, life and lineage, which are the three qualities that define the parent-child relationship, lineage is the fruit.





Activity #1:

Are there any areas where you feel you will outdo your Parents?

How would your parents feel when you go beyond their achievements?

# Activity #2:

Even before you get married, you can help to make your lineage strong. In what ways can you start to build a strong lineage before you are married?