

My name is.....

Serve here at ASCK.....

It is my first time to stand here and share in this pulpit

I love the Lord. I am a single man and yes, it is a gift.

I am a father of two. A God Father of two. So this context will help some of you see me more than just a little boy who does know how hard life can be. L

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 NIV

<http://bible.com/111/pro.22.6.NIV>

The basic understanding.

House hold discipleship....?

I have been working with young people for over five years

Children are always learning from us. They are always picking up everything. It doesn't matter from whom they are learning, but they are.

Social media, TV, radio, music,...

it is the information generation.

They are always and constantly learning, consulting, inquisitive, teachable, curious...

They are set off in the way they should go and that's that.

We keep asking ourselves what is wrong with this generation.? Who grew you? That's the way the world is now. That is what it has handed to you. A child, a parent you may not really want if you had a choice but you are stuck with them.

The Bad picture

Uganda has one of the highest rates of **teenage pregnancy** in Sub-Saharan Africa at over 25%.

The Uganda Demographic and Health Survey (UDHS) 1995 indicates that by 17 years of age, 43.3% of adolescent girls have begun child bearing and by 19 years, over 70.8% of adolescent girls have given birth or are pregnant with their first child.

According to the official figures, 7,690 cases of **defilement** were reported to the police in 2011, the most recent year for which data is available. Therefore, approximately 20 girls are defiled everyday, by close relatives or friends. The monitor newspaper.

Mr Robert Omita recently remarked: “In all the **prisons** across Uganda the number of prisoners who are youth is over 45,000. So where is the country heading?

however according to World health rankings data in 2014, Uganda is position number 17 registered with suicide as a cause of death. 18.67 per 100,000 deaths are due to suicide in Uganda. - See more at: http://www.newvision.co.ug/new_vision/news/1436977/suicide-rates-reduced-uganda#sthash.QMacALEP.dpuf

I could go on and on about the emotional and physical abuse in the homes, the sense self loathing that countless children (we) grow up feeling. The shame and guilt hovering over their restless minds. The plagues of inadequacy and suicidal thoughts creeping into every young mind.

They are ashamed of who they are or from where they come. They feel like it isn't worth it to live... So some take to drinking, sex, crime, and suicide....

Bad practice

We have just looked at the bad picture. It is a result of a bad practice.

A failed society is a result of failed homes.

A failed home is a result of failed character.

We have selfish self – centred and self absorbed members of a home where self is the god of their lives, and their heart is the alter upon which they will sacrifice anyone or anything that doesn't bow to this god.

In their hearts, seeds of bitterness and rage, hatred and envy, revenge and malice are birthed.

The source of these seeds is usually the heads of the home. The parents.

We see(ourselves) them projecting(our) their sinful nature on to loved ones. An in print of a wicked heart passed on from generation to generation. And as we have heard, teach the child in the way they should go, and they won't depart from it.

So if(we) they see unfaithfulness by the very people they trust, they will be unfaithful

If they see wife buttering, they will emulate...

If they are hated, they will hate,

If they are broken, they will crush

If they are hopeless, they will cause despair.

Illustration

Confirmation class. Men are..... Infidels... Infidelity 😏

No man is faithful, all women are gossips,

Girls identity is in their body and not their hearts. Boys find their definition in their physical strength and even sexual prowess.

Where will they find their true identity if their parents and God parents haven't offered it. Remember, teach a child in the way they should go....

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no **bitter root** grows up to **cause trouble and defile many**.

Hebrews 12:15 NIV

<http://bible.com/111/heb.12.15.NIV>

The cycle continues until someone must break. off!

Big idea

We have looked at the bad practice...

There is hope. There is Redemption.

The man, the Saviour, the king came to set it right. It doesn't have to be dark and doom.

Jesus died to redeem us from our wickedness.

He died to pay the price on our heads.

Sent the Holy Spirit to give us the capacity and the ability to live lives of light....

In the Father, we have hope when all is said and done, when we have endured in the light and against the darkness all our lives, we will meet him in eternal peace where sin's presence will be far removed and our fallenness long forgotten..

But while here, we must deliberately chose to have him as Lord, first of our lives,(as fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters) and then our homes and families, and our land will be healed.

When the king is on his throne, then Indeed, His kingdom will come. His will Done on earth., in your home, in your land.

Hope is in salvation.

Mary chose right. She was right.

Is your home broken, this is the hope.

Is your marriage in shambles, this is the Hope.

Are your parents divorced, Jesus brings healing to you.

Do you have wayward children, bring them to the Lord.... Ask him to show you how to reach them.

Bottom line,

Do not lie to each other, since **you have taken off your old self with its practices** and have **put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator**. Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience**.

Colossians 3:9-10, 12

We must be His disciples. We must carry his light. We must be His mirrors. We must reflect Him in a lost and darkened world.

We do this by discipleship. We are his disciples when we have love, one for another.

Jesus himself said it this way ; “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, **if you love one another.**”

John 13:34-35 NIV

<http://bible.com/111/jhn.13.34-35.NIV>

This is especially true in family. It is true in Homes.

BIG PICTURE

The best platform for household discipleship is parenthood

When love and discipline are exhibited at the top, a child will feel protected, loved and cherished.

They will feel valued, they will feel like they belong..

1. Fathers, speak life into your child’s world.

Fathers, let your daughters know safety... Let them feel queenly but teach them humility and dignity. Let them know that they are precious and there are men that value them for their heart and their character and not their labour or their bodies.

Let your young men grow in stature and in favour with all men and with God. Let them take on their God given mandate to lead as servants and serve as kings. Let them reflect the very image of the model man of all time.

Teach them that their primary goal is to bring dignity to the lost, freedom to the caged, hope to the destitute.

Fathers give identity.

“whether or not we accept ourselves as persons is dependent upon affirmation coming to us through the masculine voice. I cannot as a woman affirm my son or my daughter in his or her identity. It is the male voice they are listening for, because as children of my womb, they are separating their identity from me.”-Leanne Payn(Crisis of masculinity)

2. Mothers, let your words be few and your lives be His. Guard your lips, the gateway of the treasures of your heart. Speak peace, joy and love in the hearts of the young ones.

Mothers, let your grace and your beauty of a quiet and gentle spirit give them courage and volar to hold others more highly than themselves. Not because they are lowly but because they are themselves worthy.

Teach them to die to self, to live for more than themselves. To look beyond their own wants and see the need of others.... This is the nature of mothers. They do this everyday.

Charge them to fight for the weak and helpless.

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the land!

Testimony of my dad preaching in word and deed. His compassion for young men on the street, the desolate etc.

What my father taught me with his life

His love for my mom, his mom, her mom and my sister taught me about the dignity of women. Even when I got lost in Porn, I knew it was not a path I should go to but one to run from

My mom and her devotion, commitment and patience with him and with us all. Taught me to remain

The nights my dad knelt with me and prayed for me as I faced some of the darkest hours of my life.....

It wasn't all rosy. I hated their guts sometimes. But I loved them none the less.

To my fellow young men and women, brothers and sisters...

Live in obedience

Love without reservation.

let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 NIV

<http://bible.com/111/mat.5.16.NIV>

Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

1 Timothy 5:1-2 NIV

<http://bible.com/111/1ti.5.1-2.NIV>

Let the light shine in your home,

If it is broken, you are the hope

If there is war, you bring the peace because you serve the Prince of peace.

Illustration

Ludu prayed for his dad.

So many young ones have persisted and have seen salvation come into their home as Zacchaeus

Edward Boyde, a famous professor at Yale, wrote a letter telling him