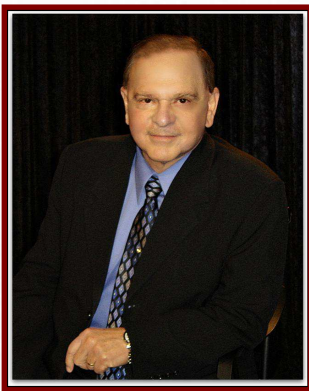


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## WHEN AMERICAN FATHERS LOSE THEIR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH... They Are Good for Nothing!



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THE SCRIPTURE SAYS . . .

*13 - Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. (Matt. 5:13 – King James Version)*

*13 - "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has lost its saltiness (worth—strength), how will the [salty] taste and quality of the salt be restored [again to its full strength]? Then, it becomes worthless—tasteless and good for nothing, except to be thrown out and trampled under the feet of people (literal reading—men). (Matt. 5:13 -- New Millennia In-Depth Bible)*

The school teacher said "Here's a watch. What is it for?" The children answered, "To tell the time." "Well," said the teacher, "suppose my watch does not tell the time. What is it good for?" They answered "Good for nothing, sir!"

Then the teacher took a pencil. He said, "What is this pencil for?" "To write with, sir," they replied. The teacher said, "Suppose the pencil will not make a mark. What is it good for?" The children answered, "Good for nothing, sir!"

Finally the teacher asked, "What is the primary

purpose of man?" The children replied, "To glorify God." "But suppose a man does not glorify God," the teacher said. What then, is he good for?" And the children replied, "Good for nothing, sir!"

The United States of America has drifted far from its founding principles where fathers played a significant role in both the home and the church. Today there are few homes where fathers teach their children to reverence God. Even worse, too many youngsters are reared by a single female parent, growing into adulthood without the faintest idea of what a father really is. America will never again be great unless its fathers return to their rightful place of responsibility. Only then will individual and national respect be regained, and the greatness

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**Deuteronomy 6:6-7**  
**"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."**

# Chart For Election Year

SOURCE: Church Law & Tax Newsletter

A church makes contributions to a candidate's campaign fund	Prohibited	IRS Publication 1828
A church makes public statements of position (verbal and written) in favor of or in opposition to candidates for office through official church publications, at official church functions, or both	Prohibited	IRS Publication 1828
A church's pastor delivers a sermon series addressing what the Bible says about abortion, criminal justice reform, sexual orientation and gender identity, and other topics with social and spiritual implications	Permitted	First Amendment of the US Constitution
A church provides a nonpartisan forum for all candidates to address the church	Permitted	IRS Publication 1828
A church invites all candidates for a political office to address the congregation and informs the congregation before each candidate's speech that the views expressed are those of the candidate and not the church, and that the church does not endorse any candidate	Permitted	Revenue Ruling 74-574; IRS Publication 1828
A church invites only one candidate in a political campaign to address the congregation	Prohibited	Revenue Ruling 2007-41; IRS Publication 1828
A church provides an opportunity for a candidate to speak in a non-candidate capacity (for example, as a member of the church, public figure, or expert in a nonpolitical field) without providing equal access to all political candidates for the same office. The church ensures that the candidate speaks in a noncandidate capacity; no reference is made to the person's candidacy; the church mentions the capacity in which the candidate is appearing (without mentioning the person's political candidacy); and no campaign activity occurs.	Permitted	IRS Publication 1828
A church distributes a compilation of voting records of all members of US Congress on major legislative issues involving a wide range of subjects; the publication contains no editorial opinion, and its text, design elements, and structure do not imply approval or disapproval of any members or their voting records	Permitted	Revenue Ruling 78-248; IRS Publication 1828

A church distributes a voter guide containing questions answered by all candidates. The questions cover a wide range of topics, but the wording of the questions demonstrates bias on certain issues.	Prohibited	Revenue Ruling 78-248; IRS Publication 1828
A church endorses a candidate (by any variety of ways, including verbal or written statements, references to the candidate's political party, references to the candidate's distinctive platform or biography, and/or showing the candidate's picture)	Prohibited	Int. Rev. News Release IR-96-23; IRS Publication 1828
Church employees carry on campaign activities for a candidate within the context of their church employment	Prohibited	FSA 1993-0921-1; IRS Publication 1828
A church fails to "disavow" the campaign activities of persons under "apparent authorization" from the church by repudiating those acts "in a timely manner equal to the original actions" and taking steps "to ensure that such unauthorized actions do not recur"	Prohibited	FSA 1993-0921-1
A church engages in fundraising on behalf of a candidate	Prohibited	Int. Rev. News Release IR-96-23; IRS Publication 1828
A church conducts a neutral voter registration drive	Permitted	11 C.F.R. § 111.4(c)(4); IRS Publication 1828
A church buys and places newspaper ads urging voters to vote for or against a candidate	Prohibited	Branch Ministries, Inc. v. Commissioner, 99-1 USTC ¶50,410 (D.D.C. 1999), aff'd, Branch Ministries v. Rossotti, 2000 USTC ¶50,459 (D.C. Cir. 2000)
A church website contains information either supporting or opposing candidates for public office	Prohibited	IRS Publication 1828
A church website contains links to candidate-related materials, and does not include any text, design elements, or structure indicating support of or opposition to any of the candidates	Permitted	Revenue Ruling 2007-41; IRS Publication 1828
A church website links to third-party websites containing materials supporting or opposing candidates	Prohibited	IRS Publication 1828

TO BE CONTINUED...

# The Mystery of Iniquity in Today's World and the Coming Spiritual 'Reset'



By Rev. Mike Taylor, Raphah Ministries Int'l President

According to Webster's dictionary, the word iniquity means gross injustice, wickedness or sin. Gross injustice and wickedness we are hearing about a lot more these days, but few ever mention the word sin anymore.

The Bible says that through one man, Adam, sin entered the world. We know this from the story in the Bible about Adam and Eve in the garden. Some talk about the Adamic nature of man. Since all were created from the first man, Adam, it follows that the sin nature of Adam has spread to us all. In other words, sin is not learned its present at birth. I like to explain it this way, nobody has to teach a 2-year-old how to sass, they just naturally do it.

I bring this up because many today are trying to understand why there is so much injustice and wickedness in America and around the world. The Bible talks about the mystery of iniquity or in some versions the spirit of lawlessness. The Apostle Paul in writing about the second coming of the Lord mentions about the mystery of lawlessness. You can find this in the Bible if you go to 2 Thess. Chapter 2.

I think it's important to understand that, ultimately, we are not fighting against people but the spirits that are behind people's actions. Ephesians 6:12 says, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

In other words, because of the sin nature of man its easy to see how these evil forces can take over a person's life and cause all sorts of iniquity. Because we now live in such a politically correct world sin is not talked about. In reality sin is the root cause of all wickedness and injustice.

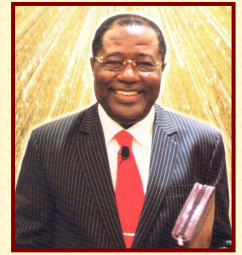
## What is the remedy?

The word reset has been coming up in my spirit lately. To reset something is to set again or start over. When we make Jesus Christ the Lord of our life the Bible says that we become born again. Thus, we are reset, forgiven our sins when we ask God to forgive us and have a chance to start a new life. We are still subject to sin but now have the power not to fall to the temptation of sin and wickedness.

My attempt in this article is not to be too theological but simply state the obvious that man's real problem is what the Bible calls sin. We must pray for those who are being made captive to these evil spirits. We need to understand that evil exists, and that God hears and answers our prayers.

We need each other and my hope is that soon God will make His loving presence more prevalent in America. As many of you know who have followed my articles over the last 20 years I am still believing in a great spiritual awakening in America. I pray God brings it about in my time.♥

# Give Your Children this Piece to Read



By Dr. Daniel Agomoh

It takes a LIFETIME to realize that one's DAD WAS THE BEST

WHEN I WAS 4 years old, I knew my dad to be THE BEST... WHEN I was 6, I also knew Dad to have known it all... WHEN I was 10 years of age, I knew Dad to be good. WHEN I was 12 years, I began to think that Dad wasn't as good as he was when I was a little boy...

WHEN I WAS 14 years old, I began discovering him to be more temperamental and stricter as never before.... WHEN I WAS 16, I was convinced that he was old school, and was not up to standard - to the current times we lived in....

WHEN I turned 18, I thought Dad was very intolerant and hard to communicate with & also difficult to get along with... WHEN I turned 20, I realized that he wasn't an easy person, and began wondering how Mom was able to put up with him in all the years of marriage...

WHEN I turned 25, it seemed like he had many objections to everything that I did...

WHEN I turned 30, I was convinced that we were not on the same page, and that nothing would ever please him... WHEN I turned 40, I then only began to realize how good my upbringing was, and that I should also raise my kids up in the same way... WHEN I was 45, I started wondering how did Dad ever put up with all the challenges he faced with us whilst we were growing up ...

WHEN I became 50, I realized how difficult it was for Dad to have educated us and trying to instill good manners in us, thus I began wondering how he managed to tolerate our excesses. WHEN I was 55 years of age, I only then started realizing the wisdom & foresight my Dad had of life in getting us to where we are today... When I turned 60, ONLY then did I eventually realize that MY DAD WAS THE BEST.

It takes a lifetime to realize the true status of our father. It takes us a lifecycle to really appreciate our father.

The difference being, as teens growing up, we selfishly view life within the confines of our own interests, whilst our father view life selflessly, sacrificing everything for us.

Sadly, we sometimes fail to understand that our father is always our well WISHER. At 40 only, do we then start to realize that what we believed when we were 4 to be true...

Some are yet fortunate to have realized their father's true value whilst their father is living, whilst others have unfortunately realized when it was too late - their father has departed from this world; It's a painful guilt to live with.

## DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?

So, children, please listen, obey and honor God (your heavenly father) and your earthly father WHO LOVES you and sacrifices all for your good .

Blessed shall you be for honoring your Natural and Spiritual Father in this season in Jesus' mighty name, Amen! Somebody shouts a loud Amen & Amen! ♥

## When American Fathers... Continued from page 1

of past years recaptured as, once again, fathers become prominent figures within the family unit.

Churches today are filled with embittered people who grew up in homes without a father, or one in which the 'father figure' was cruel, harsh, and unfair. A godly father will instruct his children in the ways of the Lord (Deut. 6:6-7). Yet only a personal relationship with the living Christ can transform a wayward man who ignores his god-ordained duties into one guided by the Spirit.

Many people in our society – including those living in Christian homes – believe the father's role is only to provide financial income. This perception emerged during the 1940's when mothers encouraged their daughters to "marry a man who can make you a good living." No doubt this was because during World War II many American women, out of necessity, were forced to work in factories. After the war, women sought again to become housewives and stay-at-home mothers.

During the 1950's men began to feel their obligation was to ensure their children were involved in some kind of sport. This view has prevailed until today, where America has substituted the love of sports for the love of Christ. In fact, most parents and children today are possessed by 'sports mania.' Promoters of TV sports media, magazines, and memorabilia are multi-billionaires. Yet our heavenly Father is weeping, because while His children are at the games cheering their team to win, His house (church) is empty, vacant, and sad. And for those who do attend God's house of worship, are they not continually looking for something sensational to excite them? For these so-called worshippers, church is boring – something only to be endured until lunch time comes on Sunday. Service to God and a love for His Word is at the bottom of their list. Nevertheless, they continue to attend because, after all, "church is a good tradition" and if they did not do so, "what would the neighbors think?"

However, men play an integral role in providing love and stability for their children beyond that of just 'bringing home the bacon.' Youngsters need to be loved unconditionally by a Christian father – learning to see Christ through their father's example. Paul the apostle said, "Imitate (or copy) me, just as I also imitate Christ" (I Cor. 11:1). When a father genuinely imitates Christ, his wife and children will want to imitate him. What a tragedy it is that many fathers today in America are "good for nothing." Having lost their way and their strength, they are worthless (See New Millennia In-Depth Bible - Matt. 5:13 - "Worthless and good for nothing").

On Father's Day, may we all remember our fathers – those who gave

us life. Likewise, let us pray for those fathers who are "good for nothing" that their hearts may be touched by the Holy Spirit and they may return to the way of life before it is too late. And last, may we fervently intercede for those homes in which there are no fathers to support and guide little children as they face life's challenges. ♥

*NOTE: The story reprinted in this article was selected from the Book "Spurgeon At His Best"— compiled by Tom Carter; Copyrighted 1988 and published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan -USA*

## Church/Ministry Tax & Law Date to Remember

**Monthly Requirements:** If your church or organization reported withheld taxes of \$50,000 or less during the most recent lookback period (for 2022 the lookback period is July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021), then withheld payroll taxes are deposited monthly.

**June 15, 2022: Quarterly estimated tax payments for certain employees and churches**  
**Filing for certain ministers and self-employed workers**

Ministers (who have not elected voluntary withholding) and self-employed workers must file their second quarterly estimated federal tax payment for 2022 by this date. A similar rule applies in many states to payments of estimated state taxes.

**June 30, 2022: Review housing or parsonage allowance designations**

Now is a good time to review the 2022 housing or parsonage allowances designated for all ministers on staff. If an allowance designated for 2022 is clearly below actual housing expenses, then the church board should consider declaring a larger portion of the minister's remaining compensation as a housing or parsonage allowance.

A church is free to designate any portion of a minister's compensation as a housing allowance, but remember that clergy who own their home cannot claim a housing allowance exclusion greater than the fair rental value of the home (furnished, including utilities). Therefore, the allowance ordinarily should not be significantly more than this amount.



**PCAI Clergy Association extends the warmest welcome to the newly added Ministers and Ministries since last month. Thank you for partnering with us in expanding God's kingdom. We love you all!!!**

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