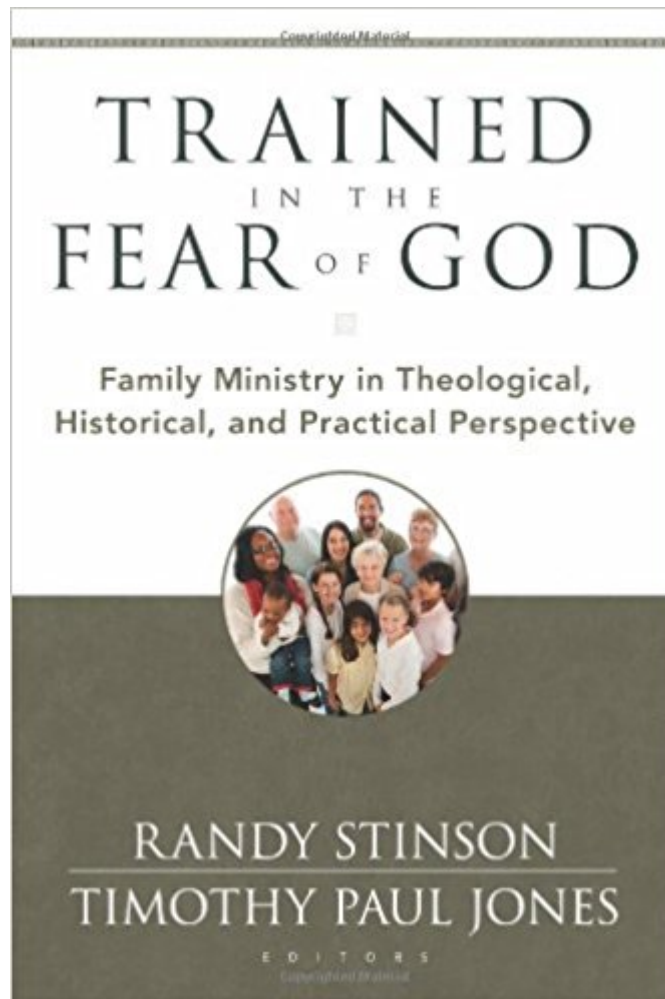


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Trained In The Fear Of God: Family Ministry In Theological, Historical, And Practical Perspective



Synopsis

Dr. Randy Stinson and Dr. Timothy Paul Jones have been the primary architects of the theological foundations for what has become known as "family-equipping ministry" – a recognition that the generations need one another and that parents have an inherent responsibility for the discipleship of their children.

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There is a classic story (that probably has Jewish roots) about a new bride that is cooking her first big dinner for her husband. She decides to go with a recipe that has stood the test of time; a roast that was passed down to her by her mother, who in turn had learned it from her mother. Part of the recipe called for cutting off the ends of the roast. The husband, is astonished by this. He asks, "why in the world do you cut off the ends of the roast? That is the best part!". Her reply is simple, "That's the way my mom always made it". Later on in the week the new bride decides to question her mom about this practice of lopping off the ends of the roast. The mother's reply is the same as the daughter's, "that was always the way my mom made it". The two curious ladies decide to ask grandma why she cut off the ends of the roast. She says, "I always cut off the ends of the roast because that is the only way that I could get it to fit in the pan". The point of the story is that generations upon generations can dutifully follow a tradition without even understanding it. What is worse when ripped from its original intention the new generation's following of a practice is not only stupid it is also quite unhelpful and maybe even harmful. What happened with the grandmother and her roast is that she taught the daughter the practice but never explained why she did it. The

daughter then was not able to contextualize the recipe for her own setting and so she slavishly followed a tradition and handed an unnecessary "must" down to her own daughter. What is true of a three generations of ladies cooking a roast is just as true of many churches.

I have not read this whole book, but it's definitely not because I don't want to, this is a hefty book and it's not one to just read through in a day or two. I'm about half way through and everything has been so good about this book - if you're wanting more information on family ministry whether it's family equipping or family integrated churches, this book will help in understanding how to implement and why parents, and especially dads should be equipped in how to train their children up in God's Word. This book really hits home for me since we're looking for a church that doesn't segregate according to age - I've yet to see in the Bible how age segregation is Biblical and with my children being homeschooled most of the Sunday school curricula are written at a level below that of my children since we integrate God's Word into our school day. The book is divided into three parts: The Character of God and the Created Order: A Biblical and Theological Framework for Considering Family Relationships Covenants and Community: Family Discipleship in Christian History Growing the Family of God: Guiding a Congregation toward Theologically Grounded Family Ministry Within each part there are chapters that cover the following, although this is not an exhaustive list by any means: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: The Trinity as Theological Foundation for Family Ministry, Bruce A. Ware Male and Female, He Created Them: Gender Roles and Relationships in Biblical Perspective, Randy Stinson Among Your Company at Home: Family Discipleship in the Late Ancient and Medieval Churches, C.

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