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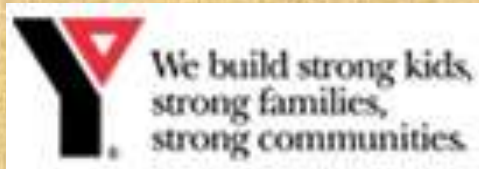
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YMCA Story

Familiar “Y” Triangle

Three Facets of the Man



• **Spirit**

• **Mind**

• **Body**

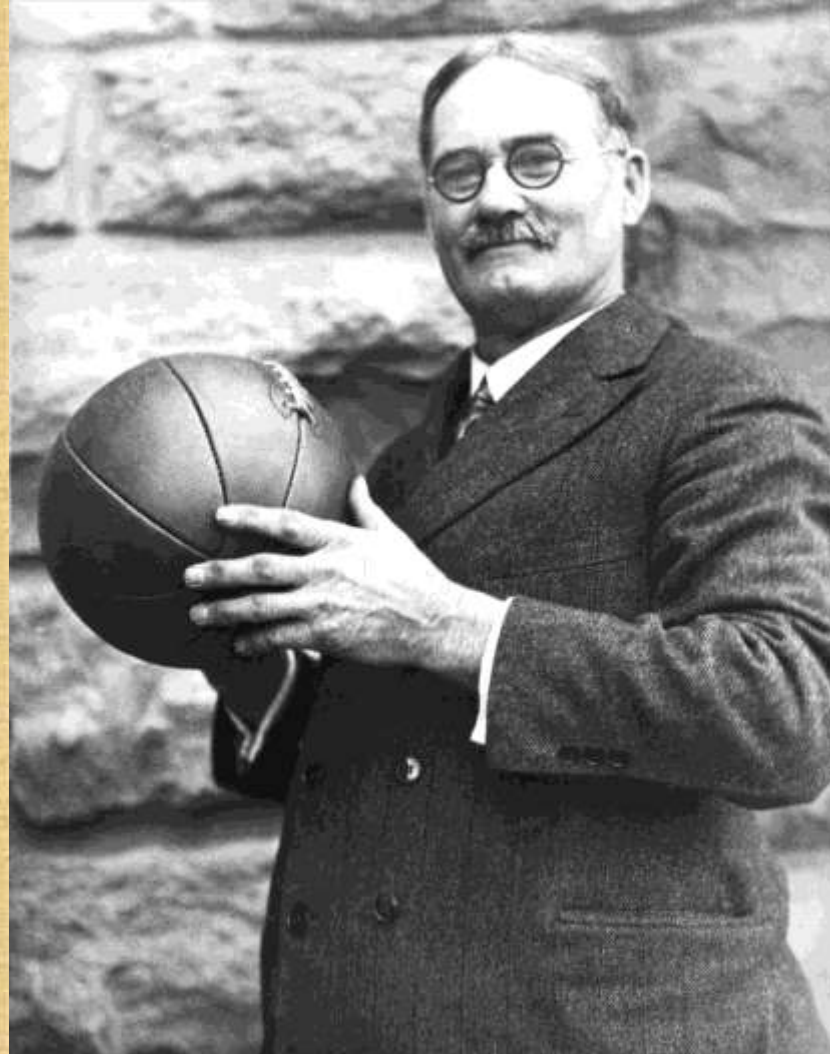
A Story of the YMCA

- **The establishment of the YMCA:**
 - **London, England**
 - **June 6, 1844**
 - **Rural young men were moving to the big cities for work**
 - **Separated from friends, family and churches**
 - **Introduced to the wicked things of the city**
 - **The YMCA provided godly influence and direction for young men**

A Story of the YMCA

- **Workers at the YMCA realized that always sitting down studying was not conducive to either life or learning; there had to be ways of living out values within relationships, so...:**
 - **Basketball, 1891, Springfield, Mass., James Naismith**
 - **Volleyball, 1895, Holyoke, Mass., William Morgan,**
 - **Professional Football, 1895, Latrobe, Penn.**
 - **Racquetball, 1950, Greenwich, Conn., Joe Sobek**

James Naismith



**Father's Set the Stage For Loving Children
By Your Own Obedience and Honoring God**

Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "**Honor** your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a **promise** — 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may **enjoy** long life on the earth." (Ephesians 6:1-3, NIV)

Father's Set the Stage For Loving Children By Your Own Obedience and Honoring God

- ***Fathers are you Obeying the Lord?***
- ***Fathers are you Honoring the Lord?***
- ***Fathers are you living the promise?***
 - ***Living a life of obedience, honor, service, kindness, gentleness, meekness, humility & love towards God and others?***
 - ***Only then can you expect your children to do the same!***

Father's Set the Stage For Loving Children By Properly Training Up Their Children

➤ *Fathers, do not **exasperate** your children; instead, bring them up in the **training** and **instruction** of the Lord.*

(Ephesians 6:4, NIV)

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- **Exasperate** means to:
 - To make **angry** or **frustrated**, often by repeatedly doing something annoying
 - To make an unpleasant condition or feeling **worse**
 - BARNES: “That is, by **unreasonable commands**; by **needless severity**; by the **manifestation of anger**.”

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- Paul wrote warning, “***Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.***”
(Colossians 3:21, NIV).

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- **When a child becomes discouraged...**
 - **He gives up all hope of ever pleasing...**
 - **He becomes indifferent since all things fail**
 - **He believes there is no longer any point of trying:**
 - **Hard work, labor of love bring only criticism**
 - **Lethargy the same**
 - **The child feels all has become pointless**

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➤ Training and Instruction of the Lord:

➤ *Instruction – the formal teaching*

➤ *Instruction – the discipline of learning*

➤ *Some folks believe = let the child decide*

➤ *Scripture clearly states “bring them up in the instruction of the Lord”*

➤ *Paul to Timothy said, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15, KJV)*

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➤ Training and Instruction of the Lord:

- *Training – the application of the teaching*
- *Training – is the discipline of putting learning to the test of life (the discipline of living)*
- *“You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”
(John 5:39-40, NIV)*

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➤ Training and Instruction of the Lord:

- *Training – the application of the teaching*
 - As Paul says, “*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*” (Romans 12:2, NIV)

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➤ **Training and Instruction** of the Lord:

➤ *This Training & Instruction is best accomplished by:*

➤ *1. Knowing the word of the Lord*

➤ *2. Knowing the Lord of the Word*

➤ *3. Knowing the uniqueness of the individual child*

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- On knowing the child:
 - *The uniqueness of the child:*
 - ***“Train a child in the way he should go. When he is old, he will not turn away from it.”*** (Proverbs 22:6, NIV)
 - Jamieson, Fausset and Brown, *“the way — literally, **“his way,”** that selected for him in which he should go; for early training secures habitual walking in it.”*

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- Getting out of the rule book and into the game:
 - *Just like basketball, baseball, football & soccer...*
 - *You have to get out of the rule book and on to the field.*
 - *The Goal of the Training is ACTION:*
 - Might this possibly help us more fully understand, "*Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*" (1 John 3:18, NIV)

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 - The **TIME** to take the field is **NOW**:
 - ***“Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”*** (Deuteronomy 6:7, NIV).



Fathers, Get In The Game

God is expecting
something more
from his players.

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“If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:46-48, NIV).

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- When is the game going on?
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- *“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:12-14, NIV)*



**FATHERS...
OUR NATION, CITIES,
CHILDREN & EVEN
ETERNITY ARE
DEPENDING UPON US!**