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How a Father Teaches

I recently read a book about how to recover from radiation exposure after a nuclear event. At first I was quite discouraged because the author started out with a diatribe against the poor job his medical/scientific training did in covering this topic when he was in school. He made it plain that he had adopted this issue as his personal crusade for all of his life.

I sighed. Most of the time when someone begins their topic with a rant against the culture, the solution is their very own silver bullet.

I loath silver bullets. One-size-fits-all DOESN'T!

Fortunately, I read past the rant and was quite surprised. He went through each of the different sectors of the healing community and presented a fairly comprehensive summary of the diverse resources each offers in such a case. He explained in layman's terms what each of the tools was reported to do, and drew heavily from research done in Japan and the Ukraine after their extreme exposures. At the end of each section he offered a formidable bibliography of texts he had examined while coming to his conclusions so anyone could do additional research.

My skepticism waned a bit along the way, but I was still waiting for the other shoe to drop at the end. I expected him to say, "Now that you have seen ALL the evidence, **THIS** is clearly the best way to respond to a radioactive event and I have it on sale this week only."

He did not.



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He concluded by saying that obviously there were a lot of resources from the different healing disciplines, and now each reader had the tools and the responsibility to plan ahead and design a strategy that would fit their own situation.

I loved it.

This is a superior example of a father's wise style of teaching. A skilled father gives the learner **tools** and leaves a high level of responsibility with the student. Someone with a spirit of slavery gives people precise **answers** and thereby makes himself responsible for the right outcome in the situation.

I am a constant source of irritation to a lot of people who write me with their issues. Most of them are crystal clear that they want **the** right answer, **the** one thing they need to do to be free.

The more someone demonstrates an unwillingness to own their own process, the less likely they are to get direct answers from me. If they are deeply entrenched in a slave mindset, I will simply point them to the resources which have the tools.

If they have the heart of a son but still some of the expectations of a slave, I will articulate some tools for them and suggest different ways those tools might be applied. I always try to leave some of the diagnostics to them, as well as making them responsible for determining which of the tools to apply in which way.

Giving simple answers to people with a spirit of slavery only reinforces their desire not to reason.

This is not an original problem. Jesus did a lot of teaching in ways that were not conducive to slaves getting easy answers. He forced people to wrestle with conundrums, face internal contradictions and hear things they would not understand until years later.

It is still a good tool.

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