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Welcome to the Rabbi Daniel Lapin radio show where I, your rabbi reveal how the world really works. And I didn't know if any of you have visited London. Or if you plan on visiting London. I lived there for many years. And at the time I was a devoted Anglophile. I was completely taken up with the idea that this tiny little island off the northwestern coast of Europe has a language, which is spoken by a significant proportion of the world's population. And it's a developed a language that has become the official language of air transport control, tower communication, air traffic control. It's a country in which in the middle of the 18th century, the Industrial Revolution launched. And I'm no longer an Anglophile because of the terrible decay that has set in just recently, the Prime Minister of England, Boris Johnson, who wrote a marvelous biography of Winston Churchill, made the most asinine comments about how bad it was that the steam engine was invented. And that, of course, was part of the launch of the Industrial Revolution in about 1750 as a convenient date, hard to pinpoint to the moment. But yeah, but I was intrigued, I remember being very aware that I was walking the streets in London, of a place. And this was the capital that really dominated the world for more than 100 years, well over 100 years, I thought resist it just so interesting. And one of the places I used to walk was Trafalgar Square. Now, Trafalgar square, a very beautiful, large open Square in the heart of London, and the traffic goes around it. But you can go over to the middle, and there's a nice pond, and there's statues of lions. And there's a huge column. And at the top of the column is a statue of Admiral Nelson, one of the great historic admirals of the Royal Navy. And this is called Nelson's Column, and you can actually see it from quite far away, even though there are big buildings around and Nelson died at the Battle of Trafalgar in I'm going to say about 1805. And what happened was that the French Revolution, alright, earlier on, say 1790 had caused tremendous disruption not just in France, but elsewhere as well. And it really destroyed much of what held France together. Many of the problems that France suffers to this very day, I think have something to do with the legacy of the French Revolution. Like you. I went to a school that praised the French Revolution. Oh, how wonderful it was that down the evil monarchy and substituted such ringing slogans as liberty, fraternity brotherhood equality. Oh, yay, equality. Oh, what a wonderful revolution.

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It was, well, it wasn't until I got educated, which didn't happen during the time I was at school. I'll tell you that. I wasn't at a GIC but it might have been a GIC. It was as good as a GIC or as bad as a GIC. And, and I you know, I confess I wasn't the best raw material either. But a GIC by the way, stands for government indoctrination camp, which is the name for places that used to be called public schools. And, and so no, the the French Revolution was a disaster. The monarchy was also very bad, but what replaced it was not much better anyway as a result of the French Revolution, a very ordinary young man turned into Napoleon Bonaparte. It's really a remarkable story. And I've, I've spoken a little bit about it on previous shows. And it's, it's only relevant to this show. Because first of all, it shows that when even a mediocre man seizes the moment and jumps into the circumstance, he can ride that wave very far indeed. And we never know exactly where our moments are, when our moments are and where our circumstances lie. But I will tell you this, and that is that when people talk about all the qualities of leadership, they're usually wasting your time and their time, because there isn't such a thing as Oh, a leader, there are leaders in different times different places, and for different things. And not everyone who makes an excellent military leader later turns out to be a good political leader, or a good corporate leader. It doesn't work that way. And being able to seize the moment, sometimes a situation makes the person and that certainly was the case with Napoleon Bonaparte, and France's normal merit based system. And you can see why this is relevant to the United States of America at the moment when I say that, under France's traditional merit based system, Napoleon Bonaparte would have gone absolutely nowhere at all, because there wasn't a great deal of merit. But under the revolutionary environment, with riots in the streets, and looting and people being killed, and a crime wave, and, and intense anti church feelings, who'd believe I'm talking about the late 18th century. Well, under those destructive conditions, a man like Napoleon Bonaparte did emerge and did considerable damage, huge loss of life. He treated French, the French people as nothing but cannon fodder. And he issued proclamations of how many young Frenchman he needed to show up and I'm talking numbers like 50,000 and 200,000, he literally burned through the lives of an entire generation of Frenchmen, and, and caused chaos and havoc through much of Europe. Finally, it all comes to an end. It goes on surprisingly long when, you know, he started rising at the end of the 1700s, the very end. And his end comes when he invades Russia, late in 1812. And

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what did him in is exactly what did Adolf Hitler in much later, of course, in in November, in December of 1941, and it's really odd. I mean, you would have thought that Adolf Hitler, who had so much in common, so much in common with with Napoleon Bonaparte in that, you know, neither was a person of great achievement or accomplishment or merit. And both were brought into power by tumultuous circumstances, in the case of Bonaparte, the French Revolution. And in the case of Adolf Hitler, obviously, the chaos and economic dislocation in Germany, in the aftermath of World War One and much of what was going on at that time. But you would really have thought that Adolf Hitler might as he was planning the invasion of Russia that he called Barbarossa. You would have thought that he might have remembered Napoleon in 1812. But he didn't. And of course, that was the beginning of the end of the third Reich in the case of Bonaparte, 1812 the invasion of Russia. That's what pretty much finished him off. But his fall had already begun earlier at the Battle of Trafalgar when the combined fleets of Spain and France both under the command of Napoleon, were planning on preparing to bring about the

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end of Great Britain of England. And, and so England sent Admiral Nelson And to where the entire Franco Spanish fleet was, was hanging out on the Spanish coast and the Nelson engaged them and and effected an absolutely brilliant naval history by the way it studied today in naval colleges, because even though it was under sail, and today, of course, we're under power. Nonetheless, it was a brilliant piece of naval strategizing, which pretty much meant the end of Napoleon's dreams of going further, anyway, and Napoleon died because of a French sniper during that battle. Did I say Napoleon I if I did, I'm sorry, I meant Nelson died as a result of that the great Admiral, and he was commemorated for his victory at the Battle of Trafalgar by Nelson's Column at Trafalgar Square. And that was about 1805. Right after that, 1806 or 1807, the great British poet, William Wordsworth wrote the poem that I see as so central to the worldview promulgated in the rabbi Daniel Lapin show. And the reason I praise you all, as happy warriors, is because of the Wordsworth poem called the Character of the Happy Warrior. I've read it on earlier shows several times, I'm not going to do it right now, I'll do it again, down the road. But I will tell you this, that the poem is a essentially a tribute to diligence, and perseverance, persistence, strong character, willpower. And to be a happy warrior means that you are not easily distracted from what you should and must do, when you should and must do it. And until you have finished doing it on schedule. Now, this is a high mark to aim for. And happy warriors are not necessarily people who have succeeded in this and got it mastered, and are completely in control of themselves with superb self discipline and self mastery. But happy warriors are people who are aware of how absolutely important it is

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to be focused on what you should be doing and to not let yourself be distracted from that, and to know what you should be doing, and to do it until it's done. That is a life changing ability. When you embrace the credo of the happy warrior, you are on the road to dramatically improving your life. And the five F program that I write about, and I talk about, I teach about is staying focused, regardless what the distractions are in popular entertainment or in politics, or in the news or in the media, whatever it is, you remember that. As interesting as all that is, it does not come before your five F's, your family, your faith, your finances, your friendships, and your fitness, taking care of your body. Those are five priorities. And there's not a single one of us happy warriors, right at this very moment, who does not realize that we could all be doing better than we are on each of those five, we're doing better than we used to. But we could be doing far, far better still. And that is what being a happy warrior is all about. And I really want to have a happy I want to have a sequence of happy warrior get togethers. I think what we might do is try and obtain the services of somebody who will be the event organizer. And we will start arranging a schedule of events for happy warriors to meet and we'll just use my map where the pins will. We'll look at locations where we have either heavy concentrations of happy warriors or places where the number of happy warriors we have is growing, to have low have meetings in those places like Croatia. Happy warriors are popping up in Croatia at a very high rate so that you know that'd be amazing. Great place, great place for a happy warriors get together.

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I don't know if we're going to have one in New York City, but because we have a number of happy warriors in the area, but not so many in the city itself. However, if we did you know where I'd want to

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have it, I want to have it. You're gonna think this is crazy, but just listen on. I'd want to have it in a city park. To the west of Central Park, a tiny little park not like Central Park, tiny little park, on Amsterdam Avenue on the Upper West Side, between 98th and 99th. Street. Why? Why? Well, because it turns out that right there is a small little park called the happy warrior Park, believe it or not. And so as you can imagine, and I was certainly interested in finding out, like, how does this come about? Why is there a happy warrior Park in New York City? I mean, is it in my honor? I don't think so. Is it in honor of William Wordsworth? I don't think so. So what is it? Well, it turns out that there was a governor of the state of New York called Alfred Emmanuel Smith. And he was a governor of New York, I think it was before World War Two. He was an Irish immigrant, or his parents immigrated from Ireland. He dropped out of school, because in those days was not uncommon when he needed to help support the family. And nonetheless, he became a governor of New York. And he, he was a friend of President Franklin Roosevelt. They died about a year apart 1944 45. And Franklin Delano Roosevelt, president of the United States at the time, nicknamed governor, Alfred Smith, he called him the happy warrior, in reference to the famous William Wordsworth poem that I keep talking about. And, and so there it is, the happy warrior Park in New York City, who the thought right now there's something I'm going to urge you to do. And I also would, would love for you to do this, it would be good for everybody.

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So we're on the threshold of a new year, that's at least when I'm preparing the show for you, you may be listening to this at another time. But whenever it is, you know, it's worth remembering that today is the start of the rest of your life. It's almost as if any day you choose, any day you choose to change your life can be your new year. Right? You can you can pick the date, it could be your birthday, it could be it could be really January, the first or it could be a another new year date of your choice. But at a certain point, it's worthwhile saying to yourself seriously, Okay, I'm ready for phase two of my life, I wanted to be better, I want to make more of myself, I want to do things a little bit differently. And so, in preparation for that, I have two resources that I want to have in your hands. Number one is a journal I've spoken before, how very important it is to keep a journal of your day because it's not possible to modify something if you don't measure it. And the way to measure your life is to make sure that before you go to bed at night, you write a journal of the day's happenings. Not not as a history book, not as something for your great grandchildren to uncover in an old vase one day, no, this is for you to evaluate. This is your reaction to things what you did, how close you came to achieving your goals, where you slipped up, this is totally private, not for anybody else to read at all. And we have a very good journal for you to keep this record. It's a journal that is structured with the framework of the five F project and so it's called chart your course. This is on sale right now, by the way. So at RabbiDanielLapin.com, head over to the store and look for chart your course a journal to begin to take seriously the next phase of your life and in concert with that in terms of having a roadmap have specific steps of the things you can do. Because before you can change the externals, you have to change the internals, before you can change the physical, you have to change the spiritual because the spiritual drives the physical. And before you can change the body, you have to change the soul. And so this is a book written by a fantastic Jewish teacher, lovely woman by the name of Ruchi Koval and you will, you will love getting to know her through her book. But also you will love what the book does for you. It's called Soul Construction: Shape Your Character Using 8 Steps from the Timeless Jewish Practice of

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Mussar. And it really is not a fad. It's authentic. It's based on rock solid principles that you can use in your life. So don't hesitate. Please, RabbiDanielLapin.com head over to the store Soul Construction is the book, and Chart Your Course is the journal. Together they constitute a kit for changing your future, modifying your destiny, making it more the life you want than the life you have. And isn't that true for every one of us? What I mean what happy warrior cannot say, You know what, there are ways in which I can make each of my five F's better than they were up to now. I know I can. And I suspect it's true for you, too. So Chart Your Course -the journal, Soul Construction: shape your character using eight steps from the timeless Jewish practice of Mussar, both of them ready and available for you at RabbiDanielLapin.com. Hurry up and take care of that. And now let's move right on from there.

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Got a great letter in the mail this week. And I want to tell you about it. This is a letter that was written in the context of last week's show. So you'll remember the most recent show was my five predictions for 2022. And, and I think those of you who heard it, I think liked it. It was fun show. And I in that show I had spoken about the fact that it didn't make sense for the United States government to interfere with China's with China over its treatment of its Muslim minorities or for anything else. There's lots of things that China does that I don't think are very good. There's also lots that the British government does that I don't think are very good. There are lots of things that that the American government does, that I don't think are very good many of them having to do with its treatment and handling of COVID. But it's a real question mark whether one government should interfere in the internal affairs of another government. Now, if you want to invade if you want to declare war on that other country, and you want to exert control over what they do. Good luck to you. Right? I have no problem with countries declaring war on one another. When I say no problem, I think you get what I'm saying. Because at least it's real. In other words, if you have the power to exert your control over somebody else, that's one thing. But if you lack the power, and you nonetheless make loud noises, and and try to pretend that you can control things, you like a little band and puppy dog, barking impudently that then runs behind this mistresses, skirts whenever the big dog stops and looks back at it. And that's that's what I really object to America is not in any position and should not be interfering in China's affairs. Certainly not if it costs blood money in American terms. As you can imagine. I was no fan of what America was doing in Iraq and later in Afghanistan, and President George W. Bush and later on and other presidents as well. In other words, using an army for anything other than destroying, killing and obtaining control of is really an abuse of an army and a very wrong thing to do. So, at any rate, I got this interesting letter. I'm not, I'm not going to tell you her name. But she writes:

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"Dear Rabbi Lapin, I very much enjoyed your latest podcast in which you stated your predictions for 2022. I always appreciate the information about the world that you provide, and that I don't hear anywhere else. This time, I was floored when hearing the economic statistics regarding China and the rest of the world, especially Taiwan. I do have a question about what you referred to as China's internal policies. I'm paraphrasing, but you said something like the US has no business interfering in China's internal policies, including enslavement and genocide of the Augier. Population. My antenna I pinged that one. Though, I have no particular fondness for the tenets or followers of Islam. It seems as though

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the Western nations and especially the United States have a similar view of what Hitler was doing to the Jews. Don't you think civilized nations had an obligation, though they failed to live up to it to interfere with Germany's internal policies of Jewish genocide? If you agree with that, then why shouldn't we have the same obligation towards the ogres? I know, we certainly haven't interfered in other genocides going on in the world, especially in African nations. So it does get a bit confusing. I imagine I'm missing something. So I'd be I would be very happy to hear your reply." And she signs off with her name.

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Well, I thought that was such a lovely letter. It was such a a well written letter posing the question, something that she didn't get that I said, and she is giving me an opportunity to change my mind or correct what I said. And doing so very eloquently, indeed. So I, as many of you have discovered when when I get a nice letter like that, I respond. Now I don't always get to it right away. I do as soon as I can. And the response I wrote her, pardon me. The response I wrote to her reads as follows dear --, and nearly said the name.

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"Thank you so much for writing as well as for listening in the first place. I also appreciate your kind words. Your question is a tough question, but I shall try to answer. Being someone who believes that the Constitution of the United States is a vitally important document that saves our country from deteriorating into a mob led democracy. We must remember that Hitler was elected democratically within a democracy. I do not believe that America should have interfered in Germany's treatment of the Jews. I think the country was correct not to interfere in the murder of Tutsis by Hutus in Rwanda in 1994. The government of the USA is obliged to act in the interests of the United States, not in the interests of Jews, Tutsis or even the world, it is obliged to act in the interests of the USA. That means that although to God, all human blood may be of equal value, it would be highly immoral for the US government to risk us blood to save the lives of non Americans. I strenuously objected to George W. Bush's plans to expand American blood and money to bring democracy to some of the more horrid corners of the world. exporting our values is not in the country's interest. We can negotiate justice successfully with dictatorships, as with democracies, we do not need other countries to adopt our values. That said, it would obviously be fine for individual American citizens to do whatever they wished, in order to try save anyone they wished. You see, the problem is when the US government acting extra constitutionally decided, for instance, that we must interfere because Senegal is mistreating Wagga cuckoo tribesmen or Brazil is mistreating, Amazonian Jaguar trappers and Bangladesh is mistreating Pakistani migrant laborers. Don't forget that each of these interferences costs money and that means higher taxes for you and me and everyone else. And that means American blood spilled on the part of American servicemen. Furthermore, what if the Biden administration decides that maltreatment of animals is just as serious as maltreatment of Muslim minorities, and insist that we send the military to stop the eating of dogs by Vietnamese peasants? You see American values is a very elastic term, depending on the social moves of the country, either all international interference decided upon by the White House is acceptable, or none is. Now you might you might say to me, wait, I didn't say send the Marines I just said we should protest. Well, you've

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heard me distinguish between silly countries and serious countries, silly countries protest, which usually achieves exactly nothing. Hitler was hardly going to stop his genocide because of American protests, any more than China will stop its policy towards its Muslims, or, for that matter, stop building 300 coal fired power stations

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every year, because Joe Biden issues a strongly worded protest. I have no objections. If a quixotic American, decides to raise an army of mercenaries to go to Vietnam, and take dogs off the menu, or to Bangladesh to force better treatment of migrant workers. But I do object to the United States government interfering in the internal policies of other countries. Even if we consider those policies to be vile and wrong. I would be equally outraged by anyone who dislikes how I bring up my children invading my home in order to save my children. Such a person would probably find themselves looking into the business end of a 357 Colt Python revolver. So as a Jew, I know it would have been awkward for me not to join those asking the United States government to stop Hitler's anti semitism during the second half of the 30s decade of the 20th century. But I don't think I would have, I might have argued that there might be a strong American interest in stopping Hitler earlier rather than later, Buddha would have to have been in terms of America's interests, not those of German citizens who happen to be Jewish. So in short, I do not agree that civilized nations had an obligation to interfere with Germany's internal policy of Jewish genocide. I know of no force, either legal or moral, that should compel Argentina or Iceland, to have interfered, whatever that may mean, with Germany's anti semitic savagery. I hope this makes sense to you. Because I know you feel strongly on this. Thanks again for being a happy warrior. Sincerely, Rabbi Daniel Lapin."

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And you know what she wrote back again. And she wrote back as follows very short: "Wow, your reply was not what I expected. But it certainly makes a lot of sense. I appreciate your consistency of thought. I suppose my initial reaction was more emotional than rational, something you always tell us to guard against. Thank you for that and for responding so quickly. So now I've had my mind open a bit more. And that's why I listen to your podcasts, and why I'm really loving, your Scrolling through Scripture."

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And Madam, all I can say is that I am truly proud to count you among our happy warriors. Now, let me take you back to the 1980s when Americans were absolutely confident that their children better start learning Japanese, because Japan was buying out America, and that their children would all be working for Japanese companies. That was what was going on in the 1980s. And you know, how movies are really very helpful cultural signposts to show us what's really happening in the culture. Well, one of the movies back then was back to the future, too. It was the sequel to the very successful Back to the Future. And in Back to the Future to made in 1989. One of the themes of the of the movie was how everybody's working for Japanese bosses. Right? Wasn't a central part of the movie, but you could see that they were Japanese bosses. A year earlier. They made a movie called die. hard with Bruce Willis and you might remember it. Bruce Willis you know, performance his magnificent rescue in the Naga Tomi towers are you remember, big company a Japanese company in Los Angeles in Century

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City? And, and so it was? Why because Japan Japanese investors were buying up every signature property in America. For heaven's sake. In 1988. The Mitsubishi company bought out Rockefeller Center.

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Just a year earlier Bridgestone tires, bought out an iconic American tire manufacturer. Firestone. Bridgestone bought out Firestone. Well, at least we own the movies, right knows Sony, a Japanese company, bought Columbia Pictures. And so not only was Japan buying out company after company, but they were buying Pebble Beach Golf Course. They bought, they bought the Rockefeller Center, you know, they they bought virtually all the hotels along the Waikiki beach front in Hawaii. They bought major towers, major office towers in Los Angeles and New York. Really, wherever you turned what wherever you looked at the evidence was clear that Japan was going to end up owning America. And and that didn't happen. The question is, why didn't it happen? Why is it that when you move to about '92 '93 '94, that period, Japan is in retreat, and they're there, they're selling off property that why what's going on? Well, I don't want to oversimplify the complexities of economics. But at least one of the factors is that by then, it was becoming clear that Japan was ageing. Japanese people were not having children. They were very focused on work men and women. And they were not getting married. They were not having children, and the country was aging. And that remains a huge demographic problem for Japan today. But it started becoming evident then. And what happened is that, you know, you think about in the natural order of things, right. Young people take more risks than older people in general. And older people are looking to just stay where they are to protect their assets. Older people do not go on Viking Invasion expeditions, the young people do that. Comes the 90s. And Japan was literally running out of younger people normally, what happens is that, you know, when a senior business executive in Japan reached a certain age, he'd be replaced by a younger person. And so the same vivacious pneys and aggressiveness, and adventurism that he possessed, and was now perhaps losing, would be picked up again by his replacement, but there weren't any young replacements. And so that began to be a problem. Furthermore, within the country, and as I've spoken about many times before on the show, but I can't emphasize it enough, because people do not fully understand this. And that is the vibrance and health of an economy is dependent upon a growing population. Now, you'd say to yourself, it's not logical, right? I mean, after all, if a population if a country is doing very well, shall we say, with a population of 50 million people, then it should organize itself to maintain that population. Keep it at 15 million. That's all you got to do. Don't let it get bigger, don't let it get smaller. And it will continue to mean well, that simply isn't true.

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I can't go into it today. Why it isn't true. But that in and of itself is a very important principle in economics. And it's also a very fascinating insight into why money is spiritual, and matters that impact money and not just physical but our spiritual. But it has a little bit to do with the kind of atmosphere you have in a place that is growing. Namely, you've got children around, there's a different atmosphere. I don't know if you've ever wandered into one of the retirement communities in southeast Florida, and they have them in other parts of the country in the United States as well. But these are places where nobody below the age of whatever it is 50 or 60 is allowed to live there or have probably Pretty there.

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And so it's all old people except on visiting day. Now, there's no formal visiting day, but it kind of is like that. And so, you know, if grandpa and grandma down the road or having grandchildren visit, there's a sort of uptick of enthusiasm on the block. But otherwise, it's all older people. And I'll tell you, it's rather sad to watch them pretending to be young. And I won't go into some of the, of what they get up to. But it's not because they themselves have to be young, I don't think as much as it is that they miss not having youth around. That is a real thing. If you translate that into the economy of a small town, you know, there was a period when and even now there are parts of South Michigan parts in the Northeast, where the population is, is just old, --- young people have moved away, there are many towns like that, unfortunately, in the United States, and their population numbers may not necessarily be very much down, but they know young people. That's the problem. And, and you can see the difference, move, take a look at one of the nice booming towns in the South Florida, Texas, Tennessee. And, and you see a different atmosphere, young people are around, it's really, really important. And so the Japanese economy by virtue of that problem began to decline. And they were not able to sustain major investments, as you know, you know, if you buy a big property and your income goes down, you can't keep it up, and you have to sell it or let it go. And that's exactly what happened to Japan, their economy declined, they couldn't keep up ownership of Rockefeller Center, and Pebble Beach and built more Hotel in Los Angeles and countless other name properties. So they lost them, they went into retreat, you got to have babies, you, you've got to have young people around. And so please note, then, that at the beginning of Genesis, when God said be fruitful and multiply, that's not God's saying, Well, you better have children and all of that, because that's what sex is for. And that's what I, that is a description of how the world works. That's how the world really works. It doesn't work if there are no children coming into the world.

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It's fascinating. I mean, it's written by the way this, you might be interested in just, you know, setting if you if you got a smart note or relative in your family, given the task of proving or explaining why it is that economies have populations that stay static fail, populations that grow succeed economically, provided that the population is somewhat unified and has certain commonalities. In other words, if if you're Germany, or you, France, with 6 million Muslim immigrants who are not integrating, then you have a big problem. Because French native French people are not reproducing at all. Muslims in France are reproducing significantly, the most popular name continues of newborn babies continues to be Muhammad in France. And so you say, well, there'll be okay because their population may not be growing with with French, but it is growing with Muslim immigrant No, that actually does not work because it is not a unified population. So that's another economic reality that one has to take into account. Now one of the most destructive, but most influential economists of the 20th century, was a guy called John Maynard Keynes, and his ideas made the great depression before world war two longer and worse than it needed to be. John Maynard Keynes really gave Franklin Delano Roosevelt the principles of the New Deal in the 1930s. And what he spoke about was that government must spend money to prime the pump. And I mentioned this now, for a number of reasons having to do with children, but also to do with the fact that right now, in the United States of America, the Biden ministration is trying to prime the pump by government spending. The Biden administration is trying to solve this scary problem of inflation by spending more government money. And they are saying to

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themselves, well, that's how Franklin Delano Roosevelt could solve the Great Depression of the 1930s. And that is, therefore the right thing to do. And after all, Keynes can't possibly be wrong. And of course, economists and historians today now know very well that Keynes was terribly wrong. And FDR was wrong. What could have been a short, deep and quick, deep recession became a long depression, because of government policies, because of the way the New Deal spent money that didn't exist. And the the, the terrible suffering of the Depression, was shown by no less than authority, then the Nobel Prize winning economist Milton Friedman, was a result of the spending of the New Deal. That's what caused the problem. And the the result was the Great Depression didn't end until after World War Two. And you see what happens is, the left in general focuses on fooling people, making them feel better, without actually solving the problems. I think mask wearing, by the way, and vaccine mandates are a lot like that. The science is becoming clearer and clearer and clearer that neither of these things make sense. But they do make people feel that the government is doing something. And that's what the New Deal as well did as well. And, and so today, a lot of people that don't even aren't aware of that period of American history. And they still assume that John Maynard Keynes was was right. But here's the problem with Keynesian thinking. Keynesian thinking was focusing on the short term. Now, you know, you know that economies don't work that way. Money doesn't work that way. You constantly try and educate your children to think long term, not short term. But the genius academic, and Professor, John Maynard Keynes said, the short term is all that matters.

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And his famous remark was, in the long run, we're all dead. So don't worry about the long run, only worry about the short run. And that was really important. Furthermore, you should know and you need to be aware of this. If you ever find yourself in arguments with people over John Maynard Keynes, because the left blowers, great economist ended the recession No, he didn't. He extended the recession made it much worse and caused much more suffering. Let me tell you some more of the beliefs of John Maynard Keynes because it's very relevant to what's happening wherever you live. This is relevant to for you to understand, as part of your treating at least two of the F's that I'm going to be discussing today, finance and family. John Maynard Keynes, really discouraged savings. He thought saving money was really bad spending money. That's what keeps the economy going. And I understand why he thought that, but he's wrong. And it's astounding, that he didn't realize he was wrong. It's not as if there weren't any other economists at the time, who didn't know he was wrong. But he was popular in the same way. Have you ever wondered why Anthony Fauci has so much influence in America, in spite of the fact that he's been wrong on so much for two years? Because the way things work right now, and it's a curse of history, is that it's non marriage based. And that is people become popular the media crown's people, the media and noise, people, popular culture, view some people as good and some people as bad. And if somebody has been labeled as bad, well, then no matter what he says, he has no credibility whatsoever. And conversely, one somebody has been anointed as good. As Fauci himself said, I am science, as if any one person can ever be science, but that's what Fauci said people bought into it. And that was how it used to be John Maynard Keynes was the darling of society. They loved him. And I'll come to something controversial in just a moment, but he literally discouraged savings, and he used very strong language for it. And he said, this is this is nothing but financial abstinence. You see, he was tying it to sex as financial abstinence and abstinence is bad. That's all

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what savings about everything you try and encourage yourself to do in your children to do. John Maynard Keynes wrote was a major threat to economic recovery and progress. And basically, what what Keynes did was, he took all of the values that built Western civilization and turn them into vices. And he took all the vices of economics and turn them into values. He focused on the short term, not the long term. He hated savings. He loved spending. He hated government, frugality, he loved big government spending projects. And, you know, why? Why did he believe all of that? Well, one of the hypotheses in his that Keynes was an active homosexual. He did get married later in life, but he never had any children. And he remained childless. Or as some people today like to say child-free, that's called turning a vice into a virtue. And so, by the way, you're not allowed to say this kind of thing today, even though major biographers of John Maynard Keynes people like Robert Skidelsky, for instance, said explicitly that Keynes had a lifelong bias against long-term thinking. And and Skidelsky said that an individual's concern for the future is an important part of a vibrant and healthy economy. But that Keynes saw concern for the future as morbid and disgusting those are Keynes's words. A concern for the future is morbid and disgusting. He went on to say, I mean, take I'm taking this from from Keynes own writing, a concern for the future is semi-criminal, and pathological.

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If you have a concern for the future, you should be treated as having a mental disease. Notice that the left even the Soviet Union did this the left likes labeling people who disagree with it as mentally deficient. They've always done this. And, and so some fairly distinguished biographers and economists at the time did correctly identify Keynes's worldview with his state of childlessness, another great 20th century economist by the way, Joseph Schumpeter, a German economist also became very, very persuasive and very compelling. Great reading, by the way. He lived until just after World War Two Joseph Schumpeter said that Keynes's essentially short-run philosophy of life is tied to his childlessness. Because for a person committed to homosexuality, who is without descendants, there is little for them to focus the future on. And so I'm not saying every single person who engages in homosexuality does not see the future, but it's certainly more common than not. And, and so that would be why it was that John Maynard Keynes thought of concern for the future as a mental disease, pathology, semi criminal, a disgusting morbidity, it's remarkable. Anyway, as you can imagine, if today, anybody today ties, Keynes destructive and doomed financial thinking to his homosexuality, you wouldn't have much chance of getting a job in any American University for sure. And, and so you got to be aware, by the way, that if you send your children to a gig or to a government University, what they're going to be taught is standard Keynesian thinking. You got to realize, and this is one of the reasons why the Democrats in America always push the inheritance tax, and leftists in Great Britain push the inheritance tax, which means that if a person has accumulated money, which he paid tax on all his life, so this is now post-tax money, and he dies, the government takes a huge slice of it. And this happens in America to this very day.

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Because they see the desire to build long-term wealth as immoral. And you got to understand that at its heart, this is all based on Keynesian short term thinking. And that is that life is just about your life. There is no, it's not intergenerational, and any concern for the future and for future generations is

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wrong, even though you and I know it's in here and inherent part of human nature, we do care about our children. And I'll explain that in a few minutes. Suffice it to say that it is very significant, that God's instruction book for humanity, namely, the Bible has a rule about honoring your parents. But nowhere does it say parents should honor their children, parents should look after their children, parents should care about their children. Why not? Because the Bible doesn't have to tell us things we do naturally. Right? God doesn't say by the way, remember to breathe regularly. Remember to eat so you don't starve to death. God doesn't have to worry about his children eating we eat plenty. But when it comes to honoring parents, that goes against our natures. And that's why so many therapists make so much money listening to people complaining about their parents. But there's no --- there has to be no Bible rule. There's no sixth commandment. And conversely, having taught you the fifth commandment to honor your parents, we're now going to teach parents to honor their children and to take care of their children and love their children and make sure their children get ballet lessons and orthodontics and learn how to code. No, it doesn't do anything like that. Because human nature is to care for children. And the general rule you should know is that secular fundamentalism tries to undo human nature tries as much as possible, to force people to get beyond their inherent nature, and to adopt policies of a brave new alien world. Yes, it is natural for parents to want to leave their children and inheritance. It's deeply embedded in us. And the left wants to make sure you can't do that. Inheritance tax, no, sorry, property is yours till you pass on. But once you've passed on, you don't own it anymore. It becomes the state's that is exactly how the left believes. And so this idea that we do care about the future, John Maynard Keynes tried to undo, don't save, don't invest. You don't care about the long term, because in the long term, we're all dead. No, we're not all dead in the long term, our children survive, and their children after them. And what sort of human being are you if you don't care about the future, but only the now? Well, you are a secular fundamentalist, just a fancy term for socialism, because socialism cares, not about the past. That's why socialism likes destroying the statues of a country's history, and certainly doesn't care about the future, which is why abortion is a sacred sacrament of secularism. It only cares about the present, but real human beings, happy warriors, care about the past, and about the future, just as they care about the present. So what's another very important area in which secular fundamentalism, otherwise known as socialism, tries to subvert human nature. And that is the whole idea of having children. And so look out for this, because I've been watching this carefully now for the last year or so. So but more. And what am I talking about, as the number of young people who are under the age of 30 years old, who are choosing voluntarily to be sterilized.

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And this is not only in the United States, and then other it's in other countries as well. And I've had no trouble finding material on this. Doctors are talking about it and writing about it. And we don't actually have numbers but the trend is very, very noticeable. The number of childless young women that are coming to doctors and requesting tubal ligations are the numbers of childless young men seeking vasectomy is, is higher than ever before. And doctors as I say are talking about it. And doctors are concerned because they are worried about the ethics of inflicting probably permanent damage to reproductive systems of young patients. It's crazy. It's really, really weird. And doctors, understandably, are saying, Could I be sued? And so they go to great lengths. I mean, because one of the great gods of medicine today is reproductive choice. And so on the one hand, they're worried about damaging

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patients, you know, and on the other, Hey, who are we to take away a patient's choice. And so there, this is where a lot of the talking comes about. And I find it very interesting, because it's all an issue of morality.

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However, these people, young people are coming along. And the doctors asked them to sign waivers and to give explanations of anyway.... So we have a lot of indications from young people requesting permanent sterilization, making it impossible for them to ever have children. And they give a lot of reasons. I, one young, 19-year-old said at one time alone, I one time with my partner, somebody else said I want to travel and spend money on luxury, there's nothing wrong with that it's my life, and I'm not hurting anybody. And all this stuff sort of sounds rather plausible. I mean, what are you going to say it's not your life, it is your life, I'm not hurting anybody? Well, you actually are, you're hurting my children, because they are gonna live in a world with fewer children, because you're choosing not to have children. And so there are other problems with that, because for one thing, your social security payments are going to come out of my children's paycheck. So that's a problem, you're all hurting somebody else. But anyway, that's what they say. You're also making it so that my children are living in will be living in a smaller population, with all the accompanying problems associated with a declining population. And another very popular explanation they give for wanting to be permanently sterilized, they want to protect the planet from climate change. Others say the world is suffering from overpopulation. I'm doing the right thing by making sure I never have children. And one of the very popular ones is I dislike how having children has changed the appearance and the lives of my friends, I will speak about the cost of raising a family. But one of the biggest things that keeps cropping up. And this is what I find most fascinating and relevant to our conversation is that they all speak of having seen very few examples of happy families, you know, fulfilled parents, happy children. And they say, you know, some of them even speak about having themselves growing up in broken homes. One of them said to her doctor, my generation live in a broken world. We came from broken homes, and we have broken minds and bodies, many of us just do not want to reproduce. Isn't that interesting? They see all the negatives, the cost of raising children, and what having children, some of them speak about what it does to the looks the physical appearance of parents. You know, it's like, it's like their Peter Pan kids like, in other words, they won't accept that aging and maturing is an actual part of living. It's very interesting. And so it's, it's weird because this is such a departure from a biblical worldview.

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If you look at a biblical worldview, Abraham's wife, Sarah, Genesis, chapter 16, she suffered terribly from being childless. Her daughter in law, Rebecca, Genesis, chapter 25, you should read about this is very poignant, suffered from being childless. Rachel, Rachel, Rebecca's daughter in law, Rachel, Genesis 29. Very poignant. You read it, you'll see. These are not women who are happy not to have children. Hannah, in the first book of Samuel, chapter one, suffered dreadfully she literally suffered by being childless. Those are just a few examples. And so why, why do people bring children into their lives and into the world? Well, I do think that most women, and some men do experience a biological and almost biological yearning for children. But while this could possibly explain why we have children, it doesn't explain why so many people deeply deeply want their children to build successful lives. Well,

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the secular fundamentalist answer is that we are programmed to want our children to succeed in order to give our genes the best shot at survival and reproduction. However, this is clearly disproven. This it's this biological determinism fails to explain you know why? Because if you just look at American society, or British society for that matter, and you see the huge number of men who impregnate women and vanish, and the huge number of women who take up with boyfriends who hurt their children, you realize that there is not a deep biological commitment to take care of our children. They may be a biological commitment to have children, but not to raise them.

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And so, this is why Genesis chapter one, verse 28, is hugely important. be fertile, and raise your children and fill the earth. Now, you'll notice I did not translate it, as the overwhelming majority of translations incorrectly say, Be fruitful and multiply. And I explained this in great detail in our program Scrolling through Scripture, it's an online course you'll see on my website at RabbiDanielLapin.com. And you'll also see the possibility of becoming part of the Happy Warrior community join and become a happy warrior. But I explained that Be fruitful and multiply is not correct. The Bible does not engage in poetic repetition. The actual Hebrew means be fertile, and raise your children. In other words, do not just bring them into the world and leave them there. While you take care of your pleasures. raising your children is part of what you want to do. That's called caring about the future. And so God is saying that the world works better when people have children, raise them, and fill the earth expand. Because larger populations are better than smaller populations.

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And the fact is, even if you're somebody who doesn't really care much about the Bible, even if you're somebody, look, even if you don't care about the Bible, above all, please don't allow yourself to be ignorant of it. Okay. And, at the very least, go ahead and get from my website, Rabbi Daniel Lapin recommended Bible, so at least you're not ignorant. But even for people who don't care about the Bible, it's obvious right? That we get benefits and gifts from children. For one thing, they force us to become mature and generous. It's true. I mean, if you think of yourself, if you put a person who has children, think of yourself back when you were 16, or 17. Would you have done for anybody what you now do for your children. This is really the first time in our lives where we get to a point where we discover that giving is more fun than getting.

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It's amazing. And we start getting a hint of that, of course, when we get married. So children do force us to become mature and generous, which by the way, is not what secularized fundamentalists want to have happen anyway, because like John Maynard Keynes, like Peter Pan, they want to care only about the present, not about the future. And number two, I would say children, grant us a kind of immortality. Now, obviously, John Maynard Keynes doesn't believe in immortality, because in the long run, we're all dead, says he. And he doesn't believe in saving or investing. He believes in spending. And those who follow him believe exactly the same thing. John Maynard Keynes believed that he let's put it this way. He wasn't a secular fundamentalist because he believed that he believed that because he was a secular fundamentalist. In other words, it's very difficult to persuade secular fundamentalists of the

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wrongness of their economic thinking. I'm sorry to say that but such debates and arguments are usually pointless. The fact is that only first of all, by developing a relationship with a spiritual reality, is there any chance of people understanding economic reality? And so, when young people tell doctors, oh, I want to really just experience love with my partner. They are people who have been stripped of all awareness of spiritual reality. But again, the the biggest problem of all, is that so many people are growing up today. Never having experienced a happy family. Isn't it something? I mean, it's really amazing. They haven't. They weren't raised. You know, just think about how many children are raised in broken families today. And all the psychologists today show Oh, it's fine. Because divorced people can do just as good a job of raising their children as married people. And again, you know, if you believe that, then you probably would believe that spending is better than saving. And thinking only about today is better than thinking about tomorrow. Yeah, you know, unfortunately, there's a lot like that. CS Lewis, great Christian writer, by the way, wrote a book called the Problem of Pain. I learned a lot. I mean, it's really, it for people going through suffering. It's an important book. But he says a nice thing. He says that people want not so much a father in heaven, they want a grandfather in heaven, meaning they want a kind father, you know, because grandparents, right? Or who doesn't like their grandparents who doesn't like grandpa grandma for the most part, right? And, and so even when you're little, and you still think your parents are worse than everyone else's parents, and they just don't have it together, but other people's parents who got it together.

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But your grandparents, they're terrific, nearly always. So that that notion of, of parents, yeah, it's, it's really important. And so we've got to understand the importance of building a good family. Now here on the homestretch, this is where we come to the F of family. And, and let me explain that, as you and you know, you might be a young person on the threshold, thinking about building a family, like the young man who asked the question that we featured in Ask the Rabbi last week on the website. And, and it's really fascinating. I mean, this is a young person, he's 17. And he's looking ahead to the family he's going to build that is a happy warrior. And the I think he by the way, he's a Croatian happy warrior. Quite a few of them, it's quite wonderful. And so you know, you you may be at a later stage where you've built your family already, maybe your children are grown, maybe you're being a good grandparent now. Or maybe maybe none of that is happening for you. But you can nonetheless be influential in the lives of those around you. Building a family is not only good for you, but it's good for society. In other words, the problems that Japan ran into, is that they ignored the verse that I spoke earlier about in the book of Genesis, chapter one, verse 28, be fertile, and raise children. Japan ignored that. And it ended up being very painful economically, and in many, many other ways. Things are not easy in Japan right now. And it's worthwhile being aware of it, when God said, be fertile and raise your children. That wasn't just an instruction to Adam and Eve. That was telling us that societies in all times and in all places to the end of time, all will benefit from fertility, and that it is a worrying sign that the fertility rate is so low in Western countries, a huge problem and it's not hard to see where the future is going. There are fewer and fewer Italians and Swedes and French and German. There are more and more More and more Africans for instance. And, and so you know, Africa is probably on the way up. Migration isn't likely to stop anytime soon, because the dearth of population in Europe may well be

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continued to be made up for by immigration. But it's not an immigration that shares the same cultural values that built up that particular civilization in the first place.

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And so, what I'm saying I'm speaking to happy warriors now, and I just got a wonderful card. There was actually a Hanukkah greeting card from a happy warrior, a couple in Vilna, it's called Vilnius today, where my family used to live there before World War Two used to be called Vilna. Today, it's Vilnius in the country of Lithuania, which is right on the borders of the south of Russia. But this couple, a real, real happy warrior couple, and they are on the threshold of starting to build their family. And, and I'm thinking of people like that, who are really saving civilization. And so I want to give you three pointers, for family life for raising children, okay, three pointers. These are really, really important. If you already have children, it's not too late, to have a family reorganization, and to be in implementing these really important principles. And if you are in grandparent mode, then it can still be taught to your children and to your grandchildren. Whatever phase of life you're in, if you're a happy warrior, you can somehow make use of the following three principles that are crucially important for the F of family. So are you ready? Here they come. Number one, parents are God's agents for the raising and educating of young children. They authoritatively represent God's moral and spiritual values.

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Children must learn that their parents respect God's rules. If you want them to respect your rules, do you understand what I'm saying? They've got to see you obeying God's rules, you've got to choose what aspect of the rules you're going to emphasize, depending on what's age appropriate. Maybe you want your children to see you giving charity in an age appropriate way. And when you say to them, Why do you think I'm giving my money to somebody else, then it's your opportunity to explain. It's one of God's rules. And you can even take them into the Bible and read to them where the rule is written down. If they see you obeying God's rules, then since you are God's representative in their worlds, they will respect your rules. If they see you respecting no rules at all, then why would they respect your rules, right little children spot the hypocrisy right away. And so you got to see that, that the fifth commandment is chiefly about the idea of respecting zones of authority. And so you've got to help your children honor and respect you. It doesn't come naturally. And this is one of the ways in which a married, married parents have it much easier than single parents, because mom can help the children learn to respect dad and dad can help the children on a mum. And so neither has to sound like blustering bullies in demanding respect for themselves. But it's hugely important. And so get that rule clear. You got to be comfortable with the notion that parents are God's agents for the raising and educating of little children. Eventually, they'll graduate from you and they'll move on to a direct relationship with our boss in heaven, right? But until then, it's your job as a parent. So that's number one.

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Number two, parents are seriously obligated to educate their children in only three basic areas. You want to teach them ballet dancing, God bless you. That's optional on your own time. You want to teach them anything else optional, but there are three basic areas which should and no circumstances be left

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to GIC I'm not even sure you should think of leaving them to private school. If you are responsible enough to be homeschooling your your children, then that's fine. If you're sending them to private school, that's, it's a good start. But make sure that these three areas are being taught because they are your responsibility. The three mandatory areas where as a parent, you, nobody else, you are obliged to educate your children. Number one, male-female relationships. Right? Number two, how money works? Number three, about God. Now, all this is always age appropriate, right? You don't need me to tell you how to teach male-female relationships to a five year old, as differently to a 12 year old on you may be in adolescence or coming into puberty. Or to a 16 or 17 year old contemplating the future, male female relationships, you start teaching early, young, and you never stop, you keep teaching that. And once again, being married is a huge advantage. Because showing is always better than telling and don't jump to wrong conclusions here. I'm talking about showing children, how mother and father relate to one another, the respect, the love, the compassion, the kindness, all of that part of male female relationships. And you always make sure that at each phase your child goes through, you are teaching that in an age appropriate way, how money works. Again, you don't need me to explain how to teach a five year old about the reality of money, and what you would teach a nine year old or a 12 year old or a 16 year old. But don't count on gifts, teaching your children about money, they will not do it, for reasons I've discussed in the past. And so make sure your children develop a real understanding of how money works. All of this has to do with how the world really works, of course, and again, grandparents have a role to play here as well. And older siblings with younger siblings, everyone has a role to play. Because unlike John Maynard Keynes, we know that in the long run, we all live, and finally all about God. There is a wonderful verse, if you're interested in the ancient Jewish wisdom on this, Deuteronomy chapter 11, verse 19, and you shall love the Lord your God. And it speaks about when you are at home, and when you are on the road traveling, and when you lay down and go to sleep, and when you get up in the morning. And those three categories allude to these three aspects of education. When you are at home, what is the home, something created by male female relationships? When you're traveling? Well, what do you travel for nine times out of 10, you should travel for business. Right? Not for tourism, but for business to make money. And so loving God and teaching your children and that, that when we are educating our children, we are talking about male female relationships, we're talking about money. And when you lay down and when you arise alludes to when you sleep, when you wake up is the difference between being awake and asleep has to do with spiritual and physical. You teach children spiritual reality centered about God. And, and so, I've told you so far to the three basics. Number one is parents are God's agents for the raising and educating of young children. Principle number two is parents have to parents have to learn that they are obligated to educate their children in the three fundamental mandatory areas, male female relationships, money and God.

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And thirdly, finally, just as God does with us, we sometimes have to present to our children the voice of unconscious, uncompromising authority. But other times, we have to project a gentle kindness. It goes without saying that a mother and a father married and working in tandem with one another makes this vital bifurcation much easier. It's really, really important. There are times where you do have to stick to the rules, and it's painful. And you even have to say to a child. Well, that's The consequence I told you that I needed you to do this thing, and that there would be a consequence, well, here is the

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consequence. And it breaks your heart because the child's eyes well up, and he gets so she gets old and sad and miserable. And you think I could let it go this time. I mean, I've just come home from work, I really don't need a fight with my kids, I really would like the benefits of a happy home for the evening before bedtime. And the role of a parent is to know there are times you dare not do that. But then there are other times where an arm around the shoulder or lifting onto the lap, and the kiss on the cheek. That's just as important. And it so happens in general, not always. But in general, mothers and fathers naturally fall into their own roles in that in that ability. I had a friend who would much rather be disciplined by his father than by his mother. And I remember I was scared of it too. But in general, parents can work that out together. It's not that one always does the gentle and one always does the stern. But it's always there's somebody else to double guess at. And if the father is about to go off on an overly stern response to something, his wife can shoot him a look that says, hey, not now Sam, take it easy. And it brings him back to reality, or at a time where a wife is just about to let something go. And the Father gives you the look that says pulses went over to me this needs to be handled here. And now. And this kind of collaboration is part of the joy of marriage, and part of the joy of raising children. Really all important and really important to understand. So there it is, there is the whole story of faith, family, friendship, finance, and fitness. Yes, they all go together.

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And the first part of today's show was to help you see how finance and family are very linked to one another, that if you strip family away, and you have more and more and more young people not wanting to have children or build families, then they are destroying the finances of an entire society and of the future. And, and in addition to that, there is also just the joy of a marriage if it's run correctly, and the joy of raising children, if you realize that our role is not just to drop a child into the world, but to raise that child, be fertile and raise your children. And that if you remember the three fundamentals of raising children, as we've just covered, right, that parents are God's agents for raising and education of young children. And I can't tell you how much easier it is to raise a proper family with God as a partner than without. This doesn't mean that there are no lovely families who secular. But it does mean that the the the picture of the family the Hollywood picture of the family that is utterly secular, but lovely. You remember, I think it was last week, or was it the week before where I alluded to a movie. I was speaking. I was it was one of my predictions. Last week, I was speaking about that the term technology will in 2022 tend to expand beyond electronics, we'll begin to see many other things as technology as well. And I spoke about how in the early years of the 20th century, young guys keen on tech, didn't go to electronics. It didn't exist. They went to Detroit to build cars. And I spoke about Cordelia as young man in a movie, which whose name I forgot? Thank you to all of you who wrote in so promptly to give me the right time, it was called The Happiest Millionaire was the name of the movie. And that was a happy family. But and there are many other fair, happy families in Hollywood. And there's no garden there's no faith. Just consider the possibility that even if you have chosen to take a secular worldview, which many people do while they're single, that when you get married and raise a family. Having God as a partner is not a crazy idea. Really makes things a lot easier and raises the odds of success enormously. So it goes without saying that it's no guarantee, but it obviously is a big help.

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That my friends brings us to as far as we are going to go for today. Now unbeknownst to me, Mrs. Lapin was doing what she often does, which is keeps an eye on me, just as I keep an eye on her, of course. But she just popped her head into the studio to, to say that, that I was wrong that The Happiest Millionaire, did have a religious component to it. And that was Bill's Bible class in house, Mr. Biddle used to teach a group of boys Bible. And he also taught them boxing. So, so I was unfair to that particular movie, she wanted to say that, and then also to remind you all that there is a sale right now on on two very valuable resources on our website at our store. One of them is a journal and at the beginning of 2022 what could be more helpful than to start a practice of journaling. I've taught in the past of how useful it really is, and how it helps you. Make sure that you live your life by design, rather than just by random happenstance. So charge your course is our journal based on the principles of the five F's and ancient Jewish wisdom. And also, in addition to the journal charge, your course, the beginning of a new year is a really good time to begin to take yourself seriously take your life seriously. And on sale, we have a new book we've just published, called Soul Construction: Shape your character using eight steps from the timeless Jewish practice of Mussar. And you can read more about it on the website. But it's called Soul Construction. In other words, take responsibility for constructing your own soul, your spiritual reality. And this book is a great roadmap for doing it. And we're getting a very, very positive response. And it's something that I would recommend that you take a very good look at, at RabbiDanielLapin.com. So if you are listening to this, at the beginning of 2022 - for I am preparing it for you in the closing days of 2021. I want to wish you a year, not a happy new year, because happiness is your responsibility. It's a moral obligation. It's not external circumstances that make you happy. It's you that makes you happy. So to say, I wish you a happy new year. No, just make it a happy new year you don't need my wishes to make just make it a happy new year make take on the obligation, the moral obligation of being happy, right? That's I can't wish you that. But I can wish you a healthy new year. And I can wish you a prosperous new year. And I can tell you that if you follow your five F's, then your odds of prosperity are greatly enhanced. And your odds of health are greatly enhanced, as are your odds for family. So until next week, a very positive and uplifting new year, a year of growth in your family and your faith, your finances and your friendships and your fitness. I'm Rabbi Daniel Lapin. God bless.