

Qualities of a Godly Home

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➤ Intro:

- Polly, asked for lesson on the home, I asked, nursing home, to help Jerry become a better nurse, laugh
- I thought it was a good idea – time for a reminder lesson

➤ God Created the Home When He Created the Human Race – male and female

- Gen. 1:28; 2:20-23 institution of home

- home created for procreation - fruitful and multiply
- home created because men needed a helper - none other of creation was comparable to him
 - help with procreation and raising a family - wife's natural ability to nurture children
 - help, needed a companion (co-worker) - not good to be alone

➤ - 1 Cor. 11 social order in the home – exhort

- vs. 3 God established the social order within the home, when he created the human race – male and female
- vs. 8-9 woman created for men – help (above)
- vs. 11-12 man and woman are not independent of one another – need each other – both have unique and valuable assets they bring to the home

➤ - Gen. 2:24 leave and cleave, become one flesh – exhort

- leave parents and cleave (joined fast together, glued, cemented)
 - start new home, family unit – this relationship takes precedence over all other human relationships
 - if forced to make decision between parents or spouse, spouse wins every time
 - if child comes back home because of problem with spouse, don't take them – send them back

➤ - God joins them in marriage, only God can separate – exhort

- Matt. 19:3-6 God joined, only God can separate
 - when you marry a person, you are agreeing to live in the marriage by God's terms, not man's
 - if accept credit card from company, agreeing to terms, only company can change terms, not you

➤ - Matt. 19:9 the only reason God permits divorce and remarriage is for sexual immorality

➤ - 1 Cor. 7:10-11 if divorce on any other grounds, must remain single or be reconciled

- just because a civil authority recognizes two people to be married or divorce, does not mean God does

- God doesn't recognize two men to be married, just because a civil authority does

- God doesn't recognize two married people to be divorced, just because a civil authority does

- Matt. 19:9 whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery - adultery = sexual relationship where at least one person is married

- don't enter into marriage unless absolutely certain both parties marrying for life – respect for God's law

➤ - become one flesh

- Gen. 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

➤ - 1 Cor. 6:16 “one flesh” denotes the sexual relationship – obligation in marriage

➤ - 1 Cor. 7:2-5 sexual obligation in marriage, to fulfill the desires each has to avoid fornication, not deprive one another

- unmarried / caution: carefully choose a spouse – Christian – best or worst human relationship

➤ **Qualities of a Loving Marriage**

- **husband and wife love each other – exhort**

- **Eph. 5:25a** husband love wife – *agape*, mental commitment

- **imagery: as Christ loves the church**, give self up (crucify self everyday for wife) – **give e.g.**

- **a wife who is loved as much as Jesus loves the church, wants to submit as unto Christ**

➤ - **Tit. 2:4a** wife love husband – *philandros*, fond of her husband, an affectionate commitment – **give e.g.**

➤ - **Eph. 5:22-23** husband is the head of his wife, and the wife respectfully submits to her husband

- **husband:** be head of the wife, as Christ is head of the church – **exhort**

- **good headship exemplified by Christ:** love, serve daily, put wife first, crucify self

- **Rom. 15:2-3** please neighbor for his good, as Christ did

- **wife:** be subject to husband as to the Lord, like the church is to Christ – **exhort**

- **1 Pet. 3:1** wives, be submissive to your own husbands

- **godly wife teaches everyone what it mean to submit to God**

- **power a woman has over a man**

➤ - **Eph. 5:29** husband cherishes and nourishes – **exhort**

- **cherish:** *thalpo*, to warm, keep warm, to cherish with tender love, to foster with tender care

- **things that engender affection toward:** kind words, hugs, flowers, open doors, snuggle, going on dates, stimulate emotionally, etc.

- **nourish:** *ektrepho*, to nourish, bring up to maturity

- **helping as every good leader helps others around him:** stimulate mentally and intellectually and spiritually, help to become best Christian possible, go to church and Bible study together, guide and direct in matters of personal development – **as Jesus has served us as our leader**

➤ **end Part I**

- **How do we have godly homes?** – obey God, live by the golden rule – **exhort**

- **song: God Give Us Christian Homes** – He does, when we obey His word

- **inv.:** key to all godly relationships (having a good life) is obey God

Part II: Qualities of a Godly Home

➤ - PP - review Part I

➤ Qualities of Godly Parents

- Eph. 6:4 parents bring up in the disciple and instruction of the Lord (training and admonition)

- “nurture” (KJV), “training” (NKJV), “discipline” (NASB) is a verb meaning *to rear, feed* – includes instructive and punitive discipline – **exhort**

- **Col. 3:21** Fathers not exasperate children

- “admonition” (KJV, NKJV), “instruction” (NASB, NIV, NRSV) is a noun literally meaning *a putting in mind* – training by word (speech) as contrasted with training by acts – includes encouraging and rebuking with words – **exhort**

➤ - **Deut. 11:18-20** put on your heart then teach your children – talk to, all the time

➤ - **Num. 12:9-15** set clear rules, and disciple disobedient children – **exhort** – **Miriam’s sin result of not disciplined as child**

➤ - **PP - Pr. 13:24** withholds rod, hates

➤ - **PP - Pr. 22:15** removes foolishness

➤ - **PP - Pr. 23:13-14** discipline, will not die, rescue soul from Sheol

- **kids who are disciplined, live better lives**

- stat: The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse

- stat - Time Mag.

➤ - **must spend time with children – quality and quantity – to bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord**

- stat: if we spend time with our children, we will influence them positively - spiritually

➤ **Qualities of Godly Children, Within the Home**

- **Eph. 6:1-3** obey parents, in the Lord – **exhort**

- “obey”: voluntary submission (like wife to husband) – **you can get away with about anything you want**
- illus.: **President Bush, visiting with his parents, story by his wife**

➤ - “in the Lord”: obey as long as your parents don’t ask you to do something that’s a sin
- **our relationship with the civil government**

- **Acts 5:29** Peter, must obey God rather than men

➤ - “for this is right”: **this is the right thing for you to do — anything else is wrong – exhort**

- **Col. 3:20** well-pleasing to God – **God is happy with you when you obey your parents in the Lord - visa versa**

➤ - **honor your father and mother (Eph. 6:2): place a high value upon them; therefore reverence (respect) them and obey them – this is how you honor your parents (above)**

- **Rom. 1:21-22** to honor God is to obey Him / to honor parents is to respect and obey them

- **2 Tim. 2:20-21** if disobey God’s command to obey parents, dishonor God and dishonor parents

- **if you obey and honor your parents, you will be among the greatest people to walk the earth**

- **Isaac submitted to his father to be a burnt offering – tell fast story – exhort**

- **Gen. 22:1-6** God commands Abraham to offer son

- **Gen. 22:7-12** Isaac’s question, allowed himself to be bound and prepared for sacrifice

- **Jephthah’s daughter** submitted to her father to be a burnt offering (sacrifice) – **tell fast story**

- **Judges 11:30-31** Jephthah’s vow, sacrifice whatever came out of house first

- **Judges 11:34-35** his daughter comes out first to greet him

- **Judges 11:36-37** daughter’s attitude — do as vowed to Lord

- **Judges 11:38** she wept and mourned — but still obeyed

- **Judges 11:39** after 2 months, returned to father, did according to vow — burnt offering

- **Jesus: the ultimate example of all – tell fast story – exhort**

- **Lk. 2:41-50** Jesus from Nazareth to Jerusalem for Passover, age 12

- **Lk. 2:51-52** Jesus, subjection to parents - voluntary obedience

➤ - “live long upon the earth”: **have the best life possible – exhort / benefit**

- **Deut. 4:39-40** basic principle of life, all ages – **obey God and have the best live possible - vias versa**

- **obey God / obey your parents / have a great life**

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

- **everyone in a family has a part in making their home a godly home**

- **Are you doing your part in making your home godly? What can you do to help make it more godly?**

- **inv.:** godly starts with obeying God