

HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

Biblical Principles for Family Life

WHAT SATAN KNOWS:

#1 The family is the basic *building block* of every other social unit and institution.

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The command to *multiply,*
replenish, fill, and subdue the
earth was given to a family
unit.

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The family is unique and
irreplaceable in God's
program.

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The family is of utmost importance to God's program because God starts His *revelation* to man with extended teaching about marriage and family in Genesis 1-6.

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The family is of utmost importance to God's program because everything else *grows* out of the family and is dependent on it.

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The family is of utmost importance to God's program because *distortions* and deficiencies in our families will produce the same in every other human institution.

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The family is of utmost importance to God's program because God uses the family as a means of reflecting the *communicable* attributes of His nature.

COMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES:

Image – Genesis 1:26

Unity/Diversity,

Independence/Interdependence,

Equality/Subordination,

Creativity, Fellowship

RELATIONSHIPS

To understand the nature and purpose of any/every human relationship, we must first begin with a study of the relationship within the Triune Godhead. How Father, Son, and Spirit interact with each other is how we are to interact with each other.

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The family is of utmost importance to God's program because God uses the family as a means of reflecting the nature of His *relationships* with people:

Husband/Wife

Parent/Child.

EPHESIANS 5:22-33

"Wives be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church. Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her...as we nourish and cherish our own bodies, so Christ does the Church. Being one flesh is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the Church."

ROMANS 8:12-17

Parent-Child Relationship

"We have been adopted by the Spirit as sons of God and we cry out "Daddy!" for we are children of God."

2 CORINTHIANS 6:16-18

"What agreement does the temple of God have with idols? We are the temple of the living God and God has said, 'Be separate from unclean things and I will welcome you. I will be a father to you and you will be sons and daughters to Me,' says the Lord Almighty."

JOHN 1:12

"To all who receive Christ as Savior, He gives the right to become children of God, to those who believe in Christ's Name, children born not of flesh and blood or by the will of man, but born of God."

#9

The family is of utmost importance to God's program because of the Bible's teachings about the *negative* impact that an ungodly family member can have on other family members.

PROVERBS 21:9, 19

"It is better to live on the corner of a roof than share a house with a contentious woman (or man). It is better to live in a a desert land than with a contentious and vexing woman (or man)"

PROVERBS 12:4; 14:1

"An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who shames him is like rottenness in his bones. The wise woman (or man) builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her (or his) own hands."

EPHESIANS 6:4

“Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

“I’m just making him tough!” No! Your child will be “wicked tough” not “righteous tough.”

COLOSSIANS 3:21

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart."

Unbiblical and ungodly parenting can drive children to hopelessness.

EXODUS 20:4-6

"Do not make idols, or worship or serve them; I the LORD your God am a Jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands who love Me and keep My commandments."

FAMILY IMPACT

God is so serious about being worshipped and loved exclusively, that He will punish those who refuse to obey Him. God doesn't punish children and grandchildren for the sins of their ancestors, but sad consequences of sins may be felt by the innocent in generations to come. (Deuteronomy 24:16; Ezekiel 18:4)

FAMILY IMPACT

But..... godly ancestors can have a blessed impact and influence on generations to come.

We do not live merely for ourselves, our choices affect many others.