

“Household of Faith”

Biblical Principles for Family Life

- I. **What is the family and why is it important?**
- A. The answer to this question is important because many today are _____ the importance of the family or they have erroneous ideas about what the family is and the role it should play in our society in general or in the lives of people in particular.
- B. The answer to this question is important because ideas have _____. i.e. U.N.’s “Year of the Family” 1994
- C. The answer to this question is important because destroying the biblical family is one of _____ primary objectives.
1. Scripture tells us that Believers are involved in a war:
2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Timothy 1:18; 6:12; 2 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 Peter 2:11.
 2. Scripture makes it clear that our real enemy is Satan and his _____ forces: 2 Corinthians 11:3, 14, 15; Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Peter 5:8.
 3. Satan and his demonic forces are opposed to God and all that God stands for and all that God wants. Satan and his forces are adversaries and enemies of God.
 - a. Nowhere is this battle more intense in our day than in the area of marriage and family.
 - b. The ideological and structural changes in marriage and family over the last 50 years have been catastrophic. More changes

have taken place in the last 50 years than had taken place in the 1000's years previously!

- c. Don't play into the enemy's hand by not standing firm on the Truth of the biblical family. (John 17:17)
- D. Satan has declared war on the family and is focusing much of his attention there because he knows how important the family is. He knows:
1. That the family is the basic _____ of every other social unit and institution.
 2. That the command to _____, replenish, fill and subdue the earth was given to a family unit.
 3. That the family is unique and _____ in God's program. Marriage reflects the plurality and unity of the Triune Godhead of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Man and woman are complementary in their gender distinctiveness because they were "made in the image of God" and reflect the unity and diversity of the Trinity.
 4. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because God starts His _____ to man with extended teaching about marriage and the family.
 5. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because everything else _____ out of the family and is dependent on it.
 6. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because _____ and deficiencies in our families will

produce distortions and deficiencies in every other human institution.

7. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because God uses the family as a means of reflecting the _____ attributes of His nature (Psalm 94:8-11).
- a. _____ - Genesis 1:26
- b. _____ / _____
- c. _____ / _____
- d. _____ / _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

Genesis 1:26 – “Let us (plural) make man (singular) in our (plural) image (singular) according to our (plural) likeness (singular) and let them (plural) rule.”

God in relationship creates man in relationship with gender distinctiveness. Gender was created by God to complement each other. God brings two together as one (Genesis 2:24), but maintains two distinct genders, because male and female are made “in His image.” There is a singularity and plurality to God, and there is God's image in the plurality of sexuality in male and female with their unity in marriage.

To understand the nature and purpose of any human relationship, we begin with a study of the relationship within the

Triune God. How Father, Son, and Spirit interact with each other is how we are to interact with each other.

8. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because God uses the family as a means of reflecting the nature of His _____ with people.
 - a. _____ / _____
Ephesians 5:22-33; Revelation 19:9
 - b. _____ / _____
Deuteronomy 32:6-18; John 1:12; Romans 8:12-17; 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 1 John 3:16

9. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because of the Bible's teachings about the _____ impact that an ungodly family member can have on other family members.
 - a. Exodus 20:5
 - b. Joshua 7
 - c. Proverbs 21:9, 19
 - d. Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21
 - e. Proverbs 14:1b; 12:4b

10. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because of the Bible's teaching about the important _____ that the family is to fulfill in the lives of its members.
Genesis 2:18 (Proverbs 31:10-31); Psalm 112; 127; 128; Proverbs 14:26-27; Ephesians 5:25-27.

11. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because of the important _____ that family life is given among requirements for church leadership. 1 Timothy 3:1-8; 5:10.

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WHAT SATAN KNOWS:

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

#2

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

#3

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

#4

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.

#5

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

#6

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.

#7

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.

#8

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.