

Marriage, Family, Trust and Respect

Part 2

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notes

Family unity is a balance between the needs and wants of each individual, father, mother, sons and or daughters. Each has a unique responsibility within the family structure.

Three Essentials for a Christian Home: The Shema, Deut. 6:4:9.

A new generation of Israel is gathered on the plains of Moab to hear Moses review the law in preparation for their entrance into the Promised Land. The previous generation had died in unbelief in the wilderness. Moses begins instruction by telling the people of Israel what a home is all about. He sets forth 3 components which must be true if the home is rightly related to God.

A. There must be a revelation of God (6:4). God revealed three things about Himself: (1) His eternity (Jehovah; Hebrew YHWH, The Eternal); (2) His plurality (Elohim, Hebrew plural of God, there are 3 persons in the Godhead); and (3) His unity-one “Lord”- the three persons of the Godhead constitute one God; each is essential.

B. There must be a response to God's revelation (6:5). the response is to be a total response of love with all one's being, heart, soul, and mind. This is the only fitting response to the eternal God who has revealed Himself.

C. There must be a threefold responsibility (6:6-9). this threefold responsibility acts as a check upon the proper response. If the earthly father responds to God with love he will be fulfilling his threefold responsibility. If he fails in any part, confession of sin is necessary because he does not love God with all his heart, soul, and mind. The threefold responsibility is: (1) to have God's truth govern his heart (6:6) there must be heart reality, not mere external conformity or ceremony; (2) to have God's truth govern his home-this is evidenced by the fact that the father teaches the truths of God's revelation to his children by both formal (teach diligently) and informal (talk of them) instruction; and (3) to have God's truth govern his habits and conduct personally, privately, and publicly. In short, the home is to be a divine school in which the father is to be the teacher, under Christ. (*ref from John Hagee Prophecy Bible*)

Fathers: The patriarch or head of the household. His responsibility is to provide for his families welfare. Shelter, food, clothing and financial stability. He is also or should be the first in line for the responsibility of the spiritual and moral ethics in the raising of the children by his own example on spiritual and moral ethics in the way he conducts himself. Hopefully by the word of God.

"He who spares the rod hates his son: but he that loves him disciplines him diligently". Proverbs 13:24. This proverb emphasizes the importance of discipline in parenting, suggesting that loving parents will discipline their children to guide them properly. The phrase is often interpreted to mean that without discipline, children may grow up spoiled or unruly.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath; instead, bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4.

This verse emphasizes the importance of raising children with care and guidance, avoiding actions that may lead to anger or resentment that instructs parents on their responsibilities towards their children.

In other words: The punishment should fit the action of the child. And the father should be the one that administers the punishment.

What is the role of the wife: Look to 1 Peter 3:1-6. this passage describes “subjection” to her husband as a fundamental responsibility of the married woman. (Other roles for women are covered in such passages as Proverb 31:10-31 and Titus 2 :3 – 5 The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becomes holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things.4: That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.5: To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

This passage emphasizes the importance of the behavior of older women in the church and their role in instructing younger women.

God, gives great worth to a wife, a mother, it's sad that so many women fail to see that worth in themselves and even sadder when other women and men tell them the role as a wife and mother is meaningless.

The “Role of the Children” beginning with Proverbs 1:7-19

Both the Torah and Apostolic Scriptures agree that the children have only one responsibility in the family-to obey the parents. The admonition of Soloman is more fully explained by Paul in Ephesians 6:1-3; “children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.

The phrase **"forsake not the law of their mother"** from Proverbs 1:8 emphasizes the importance of adhering to the teachings and guidance provided by one's mother. Here we see the mother with the responsibility to provide guidance within the home. Children should not be with others that may not have the same Christian values of ones Christian mother and father.

The law of the their mother, it encourages children to **value and respect** the wisdom and instruction given by their mothers, which is seen as essential for moral and ethical development. The term **"forsake"** implies not to **reject or neglect** this guidance, highlighting the significance of maternal influence in shaping character and behavior. Overall, this phrase serves as a reminder to honor and uphold the teachings of one's parents, particularly the nurturing wisdom of mothers.

From verse 10-19 of Proverbs 1, the children are to be told to avoid bad company.