

Building A Righteous Family

Lesson 4

Some Principles That Guide An Unrighteous Family

Husbands and Fathers

1. Loving head of his wife
2. Honor his wife
3. Provide for his family
4. Love teach and discipline his children

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Wives and Mothers

1. Reverently submit to her husband
2. Chaste and respectful behavior
3. Love her husband
4. Manage the home
5. Love teach and discipline her children

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Children

1. Obey parents
2. Honor parent

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Introduction

- Unrighteous attitudes and behavior not displayed by individuals in isolation but often in families
- Children greatly negatively affected if constantly exposed to unrighteous actions
- If not challenged, these sinful behaviors continue from one generation to the next
- Purpose of this lesson is to identify some common unrighteous principles that must be put away and replaced to please God ⁵

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1. Repeating cycle of sin
2. Examples of unrighteous principles

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Repetitive Sinful Cycle

Pro 17:13 He who returns evil for good, Evil will not depart from his house.

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Repetitive Sinful Cycle

Jdg 1:28 It came about when Israel became strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not drive them out completely.

Jdg 2:2 and as for you, you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed Me; what is this you have done?

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Repetitive Sinful Cycle

Jdg 2:3 "Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they will become as *thorns* in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you.'"

Jdg 2:10 All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

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Repetitive Sinful Cycle

Jdg 2:11 Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals,

Jdg 2:14 The anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He gave them into the hands of plunderers who plundered them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies around *them*, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

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Repetitive Sinful Cycle

Jdg 2:16 Then the LORD raised up judges who delivered them from the hands of those who plundered them.

Jdg 2:17 Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they played the harlot after other gods and bowed themselves down to them. They turned aside quickly from the way in which their fathers had walked in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do as *their fathers*.

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Repetitive Sinful Cycle Overcome

Eze 18:2 "What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, 'The fathers eat the sour grapes, But the children's teeth are set on edge'?"

Eze 18:3 "As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "you are surely not going to use this proverb in Israel anymore.

Eze 18:4 "Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

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Repetitive Sinful Cycle Overcome

Eze 18:20 "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

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Repetitive Sinful Cycle Overcome

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Examples of Unrighteous Principles

- Note just a few examples of these unrighteous principles that guide family members to behave sinfully
- These are some of the more common ones
- With the Lord's help, we can put them away and replace them with righteous principles that will please Him and encourage others in the family and beyond to serve Him

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Human Authority Above Divine Authority

Gen 3:11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

Gen 3:12 The man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."

Gen 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

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Human Authority Above Divine Authority

Act 5:1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,
Act 5:2 and kept back *some* of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet.

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Human Authority Above Divine Authority

Act 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back *some* of the price of the land?

Act 5:4 "While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

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Human Authority Above Divine Authority

Pro 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom,
But a child who gets his own way brings
shame to his mother.

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Human Wisdom Above Divine Wisdom

Pro 15:12 A scoffer does not love one who
reproves him, He will not go to the wise.
Pro 16:25 There is a way *which seems* right
to a man, But its end is the way of death.
Pro 28:26 He who trusts in his own heart is
a fool, But he who walks wisely will be
delivered.

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Human Wisdom Above Divine Wisdom

Rom 1:21 For even though they knew God,
they did not honor Him as God or give
thanks, but they became futile in their
speculations, and their foolish heart was
darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing to be wise, they
became fools,

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Some Unrighteous Values From Human Wisdom

- Human wisdom produces worldly ideas, attitudes and values
- Following these will lead us away from God
- Note some common examples of unrighteous values

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Never Trust Anyone

Tit 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure; but
to those who are defiled and unbelieving,
nothing is pure, but both their mind and their
conscience are defiled.

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Look Out For Yourself Above All

2Ti 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers
of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers,
disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,
2Ti 3:3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious
gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of
good,

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Look Out For Yourself Above All

2Ti 3:4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
2Ti 3:5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

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It Is Better To Lie Than To Tell The Truth

Tit 1:12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."
Tit 1:13 This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,

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Pretend Away The Truth

Pro 31:4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Or for rulers to desire strong drink,
Pro 31:5 For they will drink and forget what is decreed, And pervert the rights of all the afflicted.

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Pretend Away The Truth

Pro 31:6 Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to him whose life is bitter.
Pro 31:7 Let him drink and forget his poverty And remember his trouble no more.

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2. Human wisdoms above divine wisdom

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Outside Family Image Above Doing What Is Right

Mat 23:1 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples,

Mat 23:2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses;

Mat 23:3 therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say *things* and do not do *them*.

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Outside Family Image Above Doing What Is Right

Mat 23:25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.

Mat 23:26 "You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

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Outside Family Image Above Doing What Is Right

Mat 23:27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

Mat 23:28 "So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

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No Personal Responsibility Taken For Sin

Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Col 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

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Example of Blaming – Cain and Abel

Gen 4:2 Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Gen 4:3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

Gen 4:4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

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Example of Blaming – Cain and Abel

Gen 4:5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

Gen 4:6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"

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Example of Blaming – Cain and Abel

Gen 4:7 "If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Gen 4:8 Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

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Example of Blaming – Amnon and Tamar

2Sa 13:1 Now it was after this that Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister whose name was Tamar, and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2Sa 13:2 Amnon was so frustrated because of his sister Tamar that he made himself ill, for she was a virgin, and it seemed hard to Amnon to do anything to her.

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Example of Blaming – Amnon and Tamar

2Sa 13:11 When she brought *them* to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."

2Sa 13:12 But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this disgraceful thing!

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Example of Blaming – Amnon and Tamar

2Sa 13:13 "As for me, where could I get rid of my reproach? And as for you, you will be like one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you."

2Sa 13:14 However, he would not listen to her; since he was stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.

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Example of Blaming – Amnon and Tamar

2Sa 13:15 Then Amnon hated her with a very great hatred; for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up, go away!"

2Sa 13:16 But she said to him, "No, because this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you have done to me!" Yet he would not listen to her.

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Example of Blaming – Amnon and Tamar

2Sa 13:17 Then he called his young man who attended him and said, "Now throw this woman out of my *presence*, and lock the door behind her."

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Sin Covered Up and Justified

Jos 7:1 But the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban, for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the things under the ban, therefore the anger of the LORD burned against the sons of Israel.

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Sin Covered Up and Justified

Jos 7:3 They returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up; *only* about two or three thousand men need go up to Ai; do not make all the people toil up there, for they are few."

Jos 7:4 So about three thousand men from the people went up there, but they fled from the men of Ai.

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Sin Covered Up and Justified

Jos 7:11 "Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. And they have even taken some of the things under the ban and have both stolen and deceived. Moreover, they have also put *them* among their own things.

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Sin Covered Up and Justified

Jos 7:12 "Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn *their* backs before their enemies, for they have become accursed. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy the things under the ban from your midst.

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Sin Covered Up and Justified

Jos 7:19 Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I implore you, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me."

Jos 7:20 So Achan answered Joshua and said, "Truly, I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and this is what I did:

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Sin Covered Up and Justified

Jos 7:21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then I coveted them and took them; and behold, they are concealed in the earth inside my tent with the silver underneath it."

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Sin Covered Up and Justified

Jos 7:24 Then Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and all that belonged to him; and they brought them up to the valley of Achor.

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Sin Covered Up and Justified

Jos 7:25 Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." And all Israel stoned them with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

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Chief Loyalty To Family Not The Lord

1Ki 11:1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

1Ki 11:2 from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, *for* they will surely turn your heart away after their gods."

Solomon held fast to these in love.

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Chief Loyalty To Family Not The Lord

1Ki 11:3 He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

1Ki 11:4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father *had been*.

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Chief Loyalty To Family Not The Lord

1Ki 11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites.

1Ki 11:6 Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father *had done*.

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Chief Loyalty To Family Not The Lord

1Ki 11:7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon.

1Ki 11:8 Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

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Chief Loyalty To Family Not The Lord

1Ki 11:11 So the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

1Ki 11:12 "Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, *but* I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

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Chief Loyalty To Family Not The Lord

Joh 12:42 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing *Him*, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;

Joh 12:43 for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

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