

Building A Righteous Family

Lesson 1

Submission To God Foundation of The Righteous Family

Introduction

- Modern man rejects God, His law and “traditional” family structure of husband, wife and children
- Ungodly thinking produces a breakdown in the family which causes a breakdown in society
- Such sinful thinking is not new

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Some Results of Ungodly Thinking On The Family

1. Adultery, divorce and adulterous marriages
2. People living in fornication
3. Single parents because of mothers and fathers rejecting one another
4. Abortions
5. Children either abused or spoiled
6. So-called homosexual marriage
7. Dishonoring parents

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Idolatry and Immorality Produced By Forsaking God

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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Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

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Rom 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 1:26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

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Rom 1:27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

Rom 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

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Rom 1:29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are gossips,*

Rom 1:30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

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Rom 1:31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

Rom 1:32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

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Introduction

- God's people have always been challenged to build righteous families in a wicked world
- No matter what our family situation is, apply these things to ourselves and teach others especially our children
- Building righteous families strengthens individuals, local churches and nations

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God Has Always Desired The Building of Righteous Families

Gen 18:19 "For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him."

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2Ti 3:14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them,*

2Ti 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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Righteous Families Make Strong Local Churches

1Ti 3:4 *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity

1Ti 3:5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),

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Righteous Families Make Strong Nations

Pro 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to *any* people.

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1. Submission to God ruling principle of life
2. Submission to God ruling principle of the family
3. Submission to God above submission to family

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Submission To God Ruling Principle Of Life

- Christians recognize our primary obligation is to obey God in all things including family
- Obeying God is the only purpose for which we have been created
- But, we must first become a Christian
- Then, we must learn and continue to live as Christians

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Our Primary Obligation Is To God

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

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Serving God Begins When We Become A Christian

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Serving God Begins When We Become A Christian

Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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Serving God Continues When We Live As Christians

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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Submission To God Ruling Principle Of The Family

- Marriage and family relationship not based on relative social customs but on God's Word, the one who created humanity and marriage
- All family members should desire to obey God above all

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Family Relationships Created And Governed By God

1Co 11:3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

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Col 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

Col 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

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

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Submission To God Above Submission To Family

Mat 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

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Job Did Not Submit To His Wife

Job 2:9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

Job 2:10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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Abigail Did Not Submit To Her Husband

1Sa 25:25 "Please do not let my lord pay attention to this worthless man, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name and folly is with him; but I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

1Sa 25:27 "Now let this gift which your maidservant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who accompany my lord.

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Gideon Did Not Submit To His Father

Jdg 6:25 Now on the same night the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull and a second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal which belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it;

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Gideon Did Not Submit To His Father

Jdg 6:26 and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of this stronghold in an orderly manner, and take a second bull and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down."

Jdg 6:27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had spoken to him; and because he was too afraid of his father's household and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it by night.

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