

## Marriage and Family

### Lesson 11

#### Some Principles That Guide The Righteous Family

## Some Principles That Guide The Unrighteous Family

1. The repetitive sinful cycle
2. Repetitive sinful cycle can be overcome by the gospel
3. Human authority placed above Divine authority
4. Human wisdom produces unrighteous values
5. Outside family image placed above doing what is right

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6. No personal responsibility is taken for sins
7. Sin is covered up and justified
8. Chief loyalty is to family not the Lord

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## Introduction

- As Christians, we must put off sinful practices and replace them with righteous thinking and behavior
- The Lord intends that we practice righteousness in our families so that children may also learn to do right
- Even if we are the only ones in our family that follows the Lord, we can have a great influence for good

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## Introduction

- In this lesson, we identify some of these righteous principles that we should practice so we might influence our families and others to please God above all
- Thankfully, as with unrighteousness, doing right is our choice to make, no matter what anyone else may choose to do
- We do not have to continue the unrighteous pattern that dominates many families today

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## Righteousness from one generation to another

Psa 78:4 We will not conceal them from their children, But tell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.

Psa 78:5 For He established a testimony in Jacob And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers That they should teach them to their children,

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## Righteousness from one generation to another

Psa 78:6 That the generation to come might know, *even* the children *yet* to be born, *That* they may arise and tell *them* to their children,

Psa 78:7 That they should put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments,

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## Righteousness from one generation to another

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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## Joshua's righteous choice

Jos 24:14 "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

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## Joshua's righteous choice

Jos 24:15 "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

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## Joshua's righteous influence on future generations

Jos 24:31 Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

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## Timothy's grandmother and mother's righteous influence

2Ti 1:5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well.

Act 16:1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek,

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Trust and obey God's authoritative  
Word in all our relationships

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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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Trust and obey God's authoritative  
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Col 3:22 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

Col 3:23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

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Col 3:24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Col 4:1 Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

Col 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;

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Trust and obey God's authoritative  
Word in all our relationships

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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Seek and apply Divine wisdom that  
produces righteous values

Eph 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

Eph 5:16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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## Love and reverence God above all each day

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Mat 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

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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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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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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## Love and reverence God above all each day

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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## Love and reverence God above all each day

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

Heb 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire.

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## Love and reverence God above all each day

Word translated "reverence" in NASB is translated "godly fear" in KJV and NKJV  
Thayer says eulabeia is 1) caution, circumspection, discretion

1a) avoidance

1b) a reasonable shunning

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## Love and reverence God above all each day

- 2) reverence, veneration
  - 2a) reverence toward God, godly fear, piety
- 3) fear anxiety, dread

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## Trust in God and those who are righteous

Psa 1:1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

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## Trust in God and those who are righteous

Psa 1:3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Psa 1:4 The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.

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## Trust in God and those who are righteous

Psa 1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

Psa 1:6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

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## Be prayerful and thankful for all things at all times

1Th 5:16 Rejoice always;

1Th 5:17 pray without ceasing;

1Th 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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.

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## Love others as Christ has loved you

Joh 13:3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,

Joh 13:4 \*got up from supper, and \*laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

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## Love others as Christ has loved you

Joh 13:5 Then He \*poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

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## Love others as Christ has loved you

Joh 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

Joh 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

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## Love others as Christ has loved you

Joh 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Joh 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Joh 15:14 "You are My friends if you do what I command you.

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## Speak truth to one another

Eph 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

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Eph 4:26 BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

Eph 4:27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.

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## Take personal responsibility for sins

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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## Take personal responsibility for sins

1Co 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,

1Co 13:5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

1Co 13:6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

1Co 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 40

## Flee fornication and pursue Scriptural marriage

1Co 6:18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

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## Flee fornication and pursue Scriptural marriage

1Co 7:1 Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

1Co 7:2 But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

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Mat 19:3 Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?"

Mat 19:4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

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Mat 19:5 and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'?

Mat 19:6 "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

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Mat 19:7 They \*said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY?"

Mat 19:8 He \*said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

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Mat 19:9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

Heb 13:4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

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## Serve God by faith each day rejoicing even when suffering

Luk 9:23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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## Serve God by faith each day rejoicing even when suffering

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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**Serve God by faith each day  
rejoicing even when suffering**

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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Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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1Pe 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

1Pe 2:22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN,  
NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS  
MOUTH;

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1Pe 2:23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

1Pe 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

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**Be loyal to Christ above all  
including family**

Mat 10:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Mat 10:35 "For I came to SET A MAN  
AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A  
DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER,  
AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST  
HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;

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Mat 10:36 and A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL  
BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

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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Mat 10:38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:39 "He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

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## Be loyal to Christ above all including family

Mat 12:47 Someone said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You."

Mat 12:48 But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?"

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## Be loyal to Christ above all including family

Mat 12:49 And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers!

Mat 12:50 "For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

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