



THE BROOKSVILLE BULLETIN

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The Godly Family **(Marc Hyde)**

When you think of family you think of being close, doing things together, looking out for one another. You care for one another, you look out for one another, you want to see each other do good, and succeed. You do not like to see others hurt them or make fun of them. When a family starts out it has visions of good things to come but much too soon the family falls apart.

The reason why this happens is because a family without God will crumble. It cannot stand because its foundation is not built on the rock, and that rock is Jesus Christ. The rain descends and the floods come, and the winds blow, and it will fall, for it was not built on the rock.

The Godly family consists of a man who is a husband and a woman who is a wife. The husband

loves his wife as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it. The wife loves and respects her husband, who is the head of the family. The children obey their parents in the Lord, for this is right. They honor their father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise.



The father does not provoke his children to wrath but brings them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. The mother does her children good and not evil all her days. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and her tongue is the law of kindness. Her children rise up and call her blessed.

The Godly family sees things that the world doesn't see. The Godly family sees that God is the creator and holds the universe in the palm of His hand. They understand that they are nothing without Him. They understand that nothing will exist or can exist

without him and that he is in total control of everything.

They understand that the word of God is their ruler and the standard by which they conduct their life. They understand that they need to search the scriptures daily to see that what they are doing is right. They understand they need to pray together to God daily.

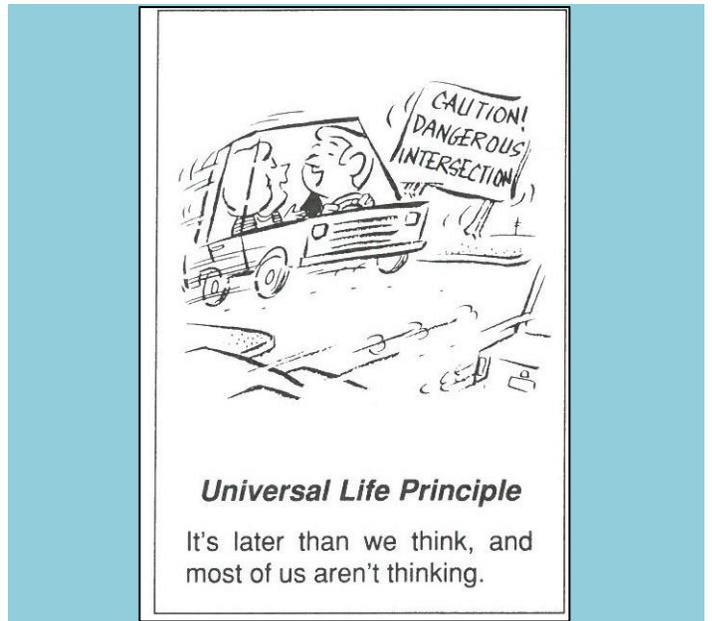
The Godly family makes it their aim to know God. To know God means to know His love. To know love means to put on its qualities in your daily walk. Getting to know patience by showing it to others. Getting to know the truth by studying God's word and understanding what it is saying and telling others.

Being truthful with others and not lying. Learning compassion by seeing what others need and lending them a helping hand. Knowing unselfishness by seeking not only your own interest but the interest of others. Learning humility by not exalting yourself or being boastful. Learning forgiveness by not keeping score with others and taking into account a wrong suffered.



Learning endurance by not giving up or quitting on your pursuit for the prize of the upward call of heaven. Learning faith by believing

that God is the rewarder of all of those who seek first His kingdom. All of these qualities are what make a Godly family.



The Godly family is the wisdom of God at work. God has set it up in such a way that it will grow the love of God in a person that will glorify God. The world tries to come up with its own way to make people good and righteous, which does not work and rejects the wisdom of God because it is old and outdated.

The world wants the benefits of the godly family but doesn't want to follow the rules to have those benefits. They cannot figure out why it doesn't work. The world says surely there is another way to have this kind of family without submitting to the word of God. Even in this modern age, the family that follows the word of God works.

The Godly family is a light that shines in this world and cannot be hidden. We all see it and cannot deny that it is good. The Godly family does no harm to its neighbor and exalts a nation. The Godly family will stand the test of time

because God stands the test of time. It endures all things. It never fails because love never fails.

The Godly family and the joy it will bring is what we are all after and what we desire and long for in this world. Nobody wants division, strife, dissensions, hatred, contentions, and jealousy in their family. Making a choice to have a Godly family and having the determination to achieve it is what this world will always need.

There will never be a time when this is not needed. It will always be good and bring good to this world. May we all strive to have a Godly family that is righteous and good and makes the world a better place.

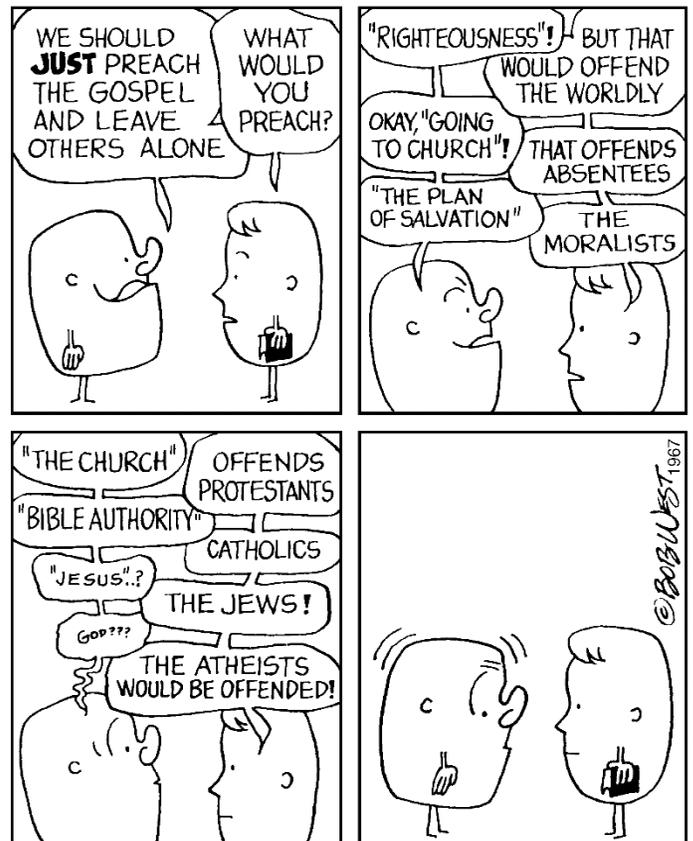
Familiarize Yourself With Your Weapon - the Bible (Selected)

In spiritual warfare, as in physical warfare, the effectiveness of any weapon is directly proportionate to the efficiency of the one operating it. For this reason, during the late great war, the U.S. Army assigned a new recruit one rifle, which he kept throughout his training. It was called his "piece," and it became a part of him.

The recruit handled the piece continually, disassembling and reassembling it. He cleaned it. He conducted basic maintenance. He

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carried it 12 hours a day. When crossing rivers or streams, his head might have gotten wet, but his piece had to stay dry.

Six months later, in the heat of battle, the soldier knew every inch of it - every mechanism. He understood things that could malfunction and how to remedy them. He could break it down and reassemble it in just seconds, blindfolded. Man and weapon had become a synchronized and deadly, efficient fighting machine.

The spiritual warrior's proficiency with his basic weapons should be no less remarkable. But quite sadly, if believers had to rely on their own Bible familiarity in life and death situations, the majority would helplessly perish.

“Solid food belongs to those who are of full age, even those who because of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Hebrews 5:14).



Worst of all, it can cause you to sin. And then sin again. It's like a vise - one that can hold you to a long time, and without your approval. The answer? Faith, man, faith. God help me to find enough.

Fear (Dee Bowman)

Fear is a monster. It reinforces anger, diminishes resolve, tears at the heart of persuasion, and dulls the senses. It comes in different sizes - one to meet every need. It makes things like goose-pimples, cold shivers, uneasiness, even tears. It can freeze you or make you sweat. It can make you run away or just stand there and give up.

It can cause abrupt reactions contrary to your sense of values, corrupt an otherwise pleasing personality, pollute speech that has been carefully guarded for a long time.



Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,
(1 Peter 1:22)

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CAN TURN IMMODESTY INTO
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Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)

Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

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