

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY



Christian homes are under attack and show ample evidence of serious problems for our society Gen. 18:19

The Importance Of The Home

God Ordained Three Great Institutions

- Home Genesis 2:18-25
- Civil Government Romans 13:1-7
- The Church Ephesians 3:10-11
- These three institutions are not only related, they are interrelated.
- The home is the oldest, and the basis of the other two.
- In several ways, the home is God's first great institution.
- Many home are failing, and we need to do something.
- Out of the church, it is only worse.

Understanding Our Times

- The way we lived 30 years ago, is so different that the way we lived today.
- It was a simple world without, computers, dish, cd's, and cell phones.
- Yes, there was sin also at that time (drinking and drugs) but usually were outside of our homes, away from children
- But now in this world of high tech, we as christian parents should be very careful in the education of our children.
- **Proverbs 29:15** it is responsibility of each parent, how to use the “rod” and correction.
- We must be very careful, in not let them be by themselves.

Challenges for Parents 5 Attributes

1. **Caution.** Mark 9:17-24

- Why this father came to Jesus? What was his petition?
- We as parents understand exactly the desperation and anguish of this father.
- There isn't anything that parents would not do, for the well being of their children Luke 11:11-13
- We also need to understand, that our children are running an eternal race, just like all of us. Heb. 12:1-2
- I am pretty sure that we all want them to finish satisfactorily their race. That is, going to heaven!
- Just like John parents want to help him, listen!

RUN, JOHN, RUN!!!



Second Attribute

2. Commitment. Ephesians 6:1-4

- Be committed to raised your children **in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**
- “paidia” (nurture) a Greek discipline in which you were immersed totally, until you learn everything that you need
- They learned their stories, tales, fables, and the Greek philosophy.
- God’s people also were commanded to do the same **Deut. 6:6-9** understand that we will have a limited time.
- We need to “mark them” so they can face this world **Prov.19:18** our children won’t be spiritual by accident, or by casualty.

Third Attribute

3. **Be Careful. 1 Peter 5:8**

- Satan is looking desperately for our children, he wants to control the whole world.
- Are you ready to defend and prepare your children?
1 Thessalonians 5:5-6
- Mom, please don't waste your time! **Proverbs 31:26**
- We need to be diligent with our children in and out of our home, who are their friends, how do they live? **2 Cor.2:11**
- There is a powerful enemy for our children, “**bad influence**” whatever we see or hear it will affect us.
- In a positive or negative way **2 Peter 2:6-8**

Fourth Attribute

4. Control. 1 Samuel 3:11-13

- God is making Eli accountable for the misbehavior of his children. He lost control upon them, so sad!
- How much control and influence do we have in our children?
- Proverbs 13:24 is it hard to understand it?
- To many people, think that having control on their children, is taking away “**their privacy**”
- Their privacy ends, where my responsibility as father begins, and they need to understand that.
- The bible does not teach us, that they need to have privacy in order to sin. Job 1:4-5

Fifth Attribute

5. **Courage.** Proverbs 1:7-8

- Being a father is not just being able to change diapers, actually that's the easy part to do.
- What a shame that many parents don't know enough about their children, Jeremiah 47:3

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2. **Commitment**

3. **Care**

4. **Control**

5. **Courage**