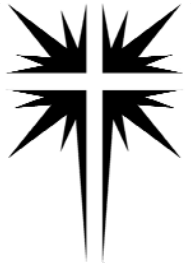


SESSION 1 – “Pure Hearts”



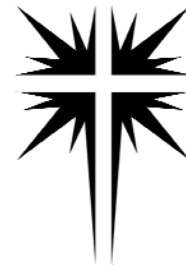
C. Matthew 15:4

1. Curseth
 - a. Esteem lightly
 - b. Not listen to
 - c. Death to the child...OT! (theocracy – God King!)
2. Humble, holy hearts _____ to the right voices (Matthew 15:9-10)

D. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

1. Hearts full of love come from hearts full of prayer (Jeremiah 29:11-13)
2. Diligently disciplined parents raise godly children (Hebrews 11:6)... rewards! (enjoy your children?)
3. Our homes must be Christ-centered, not just _____ (Joshua 24:15), totally dependent on Him (Acts 17:27-28), without Him we do nothing (John 15) and are nothing
 - a. His Word must be the _____ of our lives and conversations (Matt. 12:34)
 - b. Carpe diem...always be ready to teach our kids about the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23)
 - i. Public schools!
 - ii. Cf. 1 Pet. 3:15
 - c. Homework...look up and discuss as a couple...family
 - i. Proverbs 10:1; 17:21, 25; 23:24; 29:15, 17; 31:28
 - ii. Write some measurable goals based on these verses
 - iii. Plan and write a practical strategy for mutual accountability as a couple to become more godly parents, grandparents

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SESSION 2 – “The Key to Effective Biblical Parenting”

I. INTRODUCTION: THE CHRIST-CENTERED GROWING MARRIAGE

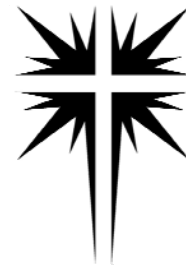
A. A child-centered home is an evil home, where Satan will destroy children

1. More interested in happiness than _____ (Hebrews 12:14), which creates co-dependency, as the parents happiness depends on the kids happiness, and NO ONE IS dependent on God!
2. Kids rule, as parents try to be _____ rather than parent, thus becoming unholy, evil enablers of the sin nature
3. Develop selfish, insecure spoiled “monsters”
 - a. Trained to be manipulative, via manipulate parents thru crying, whining, and tantrums, acts of sin (Philippians 2:14)
 - b. Mouthy, disrespectful, as parents fail to “_____” respect
 - c. Trained to be deceptive, as deluded parents have exasperated them; i.e. biblically deluded parents create satanically deceptive kids!
 - d. Trained to be irresponsible, due to irresponsible patterns of parenting
 - i. Always someone else’s fault
 - ii. Not _____ for behavior; not responsible for anything
 - iii. Will never keep a job
 - iv. Most likely multiple divorces in the future
4. No _____ boundaries, no bonding...God’s holy love has rules (I Corinthians 13:1-8; John 13:34-35)
 - a. God is love (I John 4)...His eternal love has clearly fixed boundaries = KEY!
 - b. God has commandments, so we know what sin is, and how to restore broken relationships, and fellowship...no _____ boundaries = no biblical bonding
5. Typically, a lot of screaming goes on in the child-centered homes, because the parent models “you have to be out of control, to be in control” ...lack of Holy Spirit control (Ephesians 5:18)

B. A Christ-centered marriage is based on Genesis 2:18

1. The primary relationship is husband-wife
2. God brings a “help meet”
 - a. Creation was “good”
 - b. But not good that man was alone...so the family began with husband and wife, as they complement each other; KEY: children do not _____ the family; they only expand it...this is where Laodicean American neo-evangelical Christians have failed miserably!

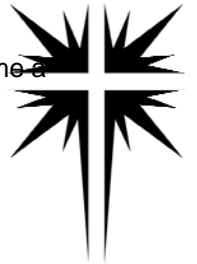
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II. INSTRUCTION: PRINCIPLES OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

- A. The husband-wife relationship is the 1st social family relationship in scripture
1. God didn't create or re-create a 2nd being
 2. He took woman from man's rib, and fashioned her into a being (Genesis 2:21-22), setting up the relationship called marriage
 3. Therefore, man is a social creation, made to _____, _____, and _____ to build relationships based on eternal truth so they last, i.e. survive the normal storms of life
- B. The husband-wife relationship is the 1st in a system of dependent relationships
1. By His design, the strength of all family relationships depends on the strength of the husband-wife relationship
 2. As they co-submit to Christ, the quality of their relationship determines the quality of the relationship to their children (Ephesians 5-6)
- C. The husband-wife relationship is the _____ relationship in the family
1. Because I love my kids, my relationship with my spouse MUST be #1
 2. This models Jesus' love for the church (Ephesians 5)
- D. The authority of the husband in this relationship honors the wife in a partnership, teaching the children that they are not _____ to the husband-wife relationship
1. The husband submits to God
 2. The wife submits to God and the husband
 3. The children submit to both parents, and eventually to God
 4. Child-centered homes _____ all this, confusing roles which often lead to gay lifestyles, especially with passive fathers, and dominant mothers
- E. The fall of man, the fall of marriage
1. Sin leads to selfishness, and 2 weak selfish people struggle in marriage
 2. When the couple quits functioning as a _____, kids become center stage and divide and conquer
 - a. "Me-ism" reigns and often the kids take center stage, as now the parent-child relationship over-rides the husband-wife relationship
 - b. The husband-wife team of co-dependency on God is shattered, as me-ism rules
 - c. This crushes God's design for the priorities of human need development
 - i. The need of identification
 - (a) I need to know I _____
 - (b) I am loved and accepted, unconditionally
 - (c) Must be deeply rooted by the age 12, to avoid negative peer pressure as family identification _____ any peer pressure
 - ii. The need of socialization
 - (a) I need to know where I belong
 - (b) Where exactly do I fit into this family

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- (c) If the child knows he's the _____ of the family, he will become a self-centered, "what's in it for me" egomaniac
- (d) Family "traditions" of socializing are important to create bonding, stability
 - (i) Favorite vacation spot
 - (ii) Saying grace before meals, wherever you are
 - (iii) Exalting Christ at Christmas, reading Scripture first, before any gifts are opened; special memories birthdays, graduations...

F. Application...

1. The most important relationship for children to consistently see, next to that with God, is the _____.
2. When man comes home from work, spend time with wife 1st, kids 2nd, model this...15 minutes is a good starting point
3. It's important for the husband to know when to pull his wife from her _____ role and return her to her primary _____ role, for protection purposes
4. To strengthen your family, you MUST FIRST strengthen the marriage...foundational
5. Harmony in the marriage, ALWAYS will lead to family harmony, and vice-versa
6. The home must be far more than a house...it must be a Christ-centered haven of _____ for all; the greatest place to be outside of a Christ-centered church that builds marriages and families

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