

Title: The power of godly families
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Marriage is a covenant

Ephesians 5:31 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

Marriage refers to Christ & church

Ephesians 5:32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Love and respect

Ephesians 5:33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

agapao - selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love

Phobeo - fear, afraid.

What is this love?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 ⁴ Love is patient and Kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.⁸ Love never ends.

John 14:15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

1 John 3:18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

What is this respect?

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 16:6 By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

Disciple all children in obedience and honour

Ephesians 6:1-4 ¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Revelations 3:19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Matthew 19:19 Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Disciple our children to bear much fruit

John 15:8-12 ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Godly families influence the environment

Ephesians 6:5-9 ⁵ Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. ⁹ Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Godly families stand against the devil

Ephesians 6:10-11 ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Godly families pray together

Ephesians 6:18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

Godly families seek the Kingdom of God

Ephesians 6:18-20 ¹⁸ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

How do we build our relationships?

- Trust your partner
- Intimacy
- Communication
- Conflict resolution
- Have patience with one another
- Anger & tantrums must be avoided
- Be humble and resist pride
- Compromise your ideas
- Be honest and transparent