

## Every Home Needs Help:

The following are helpful tips & info for your family

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“How we understand the **person and character of God the Father** affects every area of our lives. If God is the Creator of the entire universe, then it must follow that He is the Lord of the whole universe. There is no part of the world that’s outside His Lordship. That means that there must be no part of my life that is outside His Lordship. **His holy character** has something to say about economics, politics, athletics, romance – everything that we are involved in.”  
R.C. Sproul

God planned and performed the first marriage between Adam and Eve. His design included a relationship that was to last until death.

**Matthew 19:5-6** For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." NKJV = New King James Version

**Headship** is the divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christ-like, servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home. John Piper

- Primary responsibility, not sole for physical, emotional, financial and spiritual protection
- leadership is not mainly a right and privilege, but a burden and a responsibility
- lead by example, servant leadership as demonstrated by Christ

**Submission** is the divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband's leadership and help carry it through according to her gifts. John Piper

“Commending Biblical truth involves more than saying, ‘Do it because the Bible says so.’ That sort of commendation may result in a kind of obedience that is so begrudging and so empty of delight and hearty affirmation that the Lord is not pleased with it at all. So there is a second task needed to winning people over to a vision of manhood and womanhood. Not only must there be thorough exegesis (Bible interpretation) there must also be a portrayal of the vision that satisfies the **heart as well as the head**. Or to put in another way; we must commend the **beauty as well as the truth**. We must show that something is not **only right but also good**.

See the following web page for information on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood  
[www.cbmw.org](http://www.cbmw.org) Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

Women are indeed fully equal to men in personhood, in importance, and in status before God.

Let the measure of **God's grace** to you in the cross of Christ be the measure of your grace to your spouse!

Parents must see that discipline is not something they do to their children; it is something they do for their children.

### 3 Reasons kids raised in Christian homes rebel against God

1. Reaction to legalism from parents
2. Response to the leniency of parents
3. Rejection to the legitimate faith of parents

## Unique Temptations That Kids In Christian Homes Face

### 1. Reacting to Higher Standards

(Eleazar and Ithamar – **Leviticus 10:6-17**)

#### **Causes:**

- judged by higher standards
- friends do things they cannot do
- reacting to what may appear to be senseless rules
- double standards among adults
- dogmatic stand on minor issues

#### **Solutions:**

- explain the honor of being in God's family and that it carries with it responsibilities
- responsibility adds value and meaning to life, helps remove boredom
- develop and model godliness with contentment
- teach the value and reward of standing alone ( Joseph, Daniel, 3 Hebrews)

### 2. Treating Sacred Things As Common

(David and Uzzah – **2Samuel 6**)

#### **Causes:**

- raised around church 'building' most of their lives
- hearing same message over and over again
- unbalance of seeing the seriousness of our sin and the greatness of God's grace
- God's longsuffering is misperceived due to the fact they do not experience immediate judgment
- assuming God's law do not include them

#### **Solutions:**

- explain the Biblical mandate to 'fear the Lord'
- model a high view of God before them
- teach the balance between our sin and God's grace and how both need to be seen
- show them their need of personal convictions instead of relying on those of their parents
- talk about our future accountability before Christ
- express to them the importance of having a grateful heart

### 3. Becoming Bitter By Taking Up Offenses:

(Korah – **Numbers 16**)

#### **Causes:**

- defending others to the degree of sinning
- comparison of Christians among other Christians
- confusing meekness with weakness
- seeing Christian adults treat others in unbiblical ways
- not seeing God's design of spiritual leaders despite their personal struggles
- feeling like God is unfair

#### **Solutions:**

- show the value of being a peacemaker
- express the danger of taking up offenses
- teach them how to respond Biblically to offences
- direct offended people to those who sinned against them
- explain how Moses was considered one of the most meek men that ever lived
- Jesus demonstrated meekness and set forth an example for us to follow

## 7 Practical Ways to Counter the Temptations You and Your Family Face

1. **Be a faithful** student of God and His **Word** – pursue God as your #1 priority!
2. **Model Model Model** Biblical principles before your kids (this includes how to recover from blowing it)
3. **Expose false** ideas and deceptive reasoning
4. **Lovingly confront** wrong attitudes and speech as well as well actions
5. **Be involved** in their lives early, warn them - be pro-active and preventive!
6. **Teach them** to ask themselves important questions, - Will this decision help or hurt me spiritually?
7. **Keep the beauty** of Christ before them and let them know how much Satan hates Him

Look up the passages and match them with the practical ways to counter temptation

**(A) 2Corinthians 10:3-5, Galatians 6:7, Colossians 2:1-8 (B) Matthew 17:1-2, 2Corinthians 4:4, Revelation 1:12-16 (C) 2Timothy 2:15, 3:16, 1Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 4:12, 11:6 (D) Psalm 19:14, Ephesians 4:29 (E) Proverbs 1:8, 10, 15, 22:3, (F) Matthew 5:14-16, Titus 2:7-8 (G) Psalm 139:23-24, 2Corinthians 13:5**

### **The Heart Issue of Anger and My Family**

1. Anger is a God-given emotion and is not necessarily sinful. Not every expression of anger is wrong.
2. Anger is justified when God's Word and Will are knowingly disobeyed by His people.
3. Anger must have safeguards and limitations.
4. Anger expressed sinfully provides opportunities for our spiritual enemy to gain an advantage on us.
5. Anger is unjustified when (1) it comes from wrong motives (2) things don't go our way (3) when we react before investigating the facts.

#### **Ways Parents Provoke their children to Anger:**

(adapted from Lou Priolo)

1. Lack of marital harmony, parents reversing God's role for the home
2. Modeling sinful anger
3. Habitually disciplining while angry or inconsistent discipline
4. No admitting when you are wrong and not asking for forgiveness
5. Not listening carefully – relationships are impossible to build without communication
6. Comparing them to others, embarrassing them in front of others, mocking them
7. Failing to keep promises
8. Not allowing enough freedom or by allowing too much freedom
9. Verbal or physical abuse

#### **Reasons why people don't stop misusing their Anger and an Exit Strategy to stop!**

- Reason: Power and Control – true power is not in controlling others but in controlling yourself. **Pro 25:28**  
 Help: Confess and Repent before God and seek his strength (grace) **Pro 28:13, Heb 4:16**
- Reason: Self-gratification, focus on meeting your desires over God's will. **James 4:1-3, Phil 2:21**  
 Help: Deepen your love for Christ by embracing his love for you. **Matt 11:28-30, 2Cor 2:14, 15**
- Reason: Poor communication – convinced they have no other way to get their point across **Gal 5:15, Pro 15:1**  
 Help: Learn and consistently apply God's Rules for Communication **Ephesians 4:25-32**
- Reason: It's a habit **Matt 6:24, Rom 6:13-17, 1Cor 6:12**  
 Help: Find an accountability partner to help you develop godly habits, **Ecc 4:9-10, Gal 6:1-2,**
- Help: Renew your mind with God's Word (meditate and memorize) **Rom 12:1-2, Eph 4:22-23, Col 3:8-10**
- Reason: A desire to punish **Rom 12:17-21, Hebrews 12:15**  
 Help: Ask God to give you a heart of forgiveness **Matt 7:7-8, Eph 4:32**

**Galatians 5:14-15** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

**Colossians 3:19-21** Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. 21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

**Hebrews 12:15-16** Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

**Pro 14:17** He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly

**Pro 14:29** He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding:

**Pro 15:18** A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

**Pro 16:29** A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.

**Pro 16:32** He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

**Pro 19:19** A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.

**Pro 21:19** It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

**Pro 22:24-25** Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: 25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

**Pro 27:4** Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous;

**Pro 29:22** An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

**Eccl 7:9** Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

### God's Principles for Proper and Beneficial Communication

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| 1. Be Honest (speak the truth in love)  | <b>Ephesians 4:15, 21-15</b> |
| 2. Keep Current (don't go to bed angry) | <b>Ephesians 4:26-27</b>     |
| 3. Attack Problems, not people          | <b>Ephesians 4:29-30</b>     |
| 4. Act, don't react.                    | <b>Ephesians 4:31-32</b>     |

### [A Families Struggle in not envying the wicked who prosper in our world](#)

#### **Envying sinners seems to be easier and more tempting than ever.**

1. Ability to compare the lifestyle of the rich and famous due to the media.
2. Access to sensual material via internet; availability without accountability
3. Anticipation of immediate gratification, I want it now and it is all accessible through credit.
4. Alarming reality of the law of diminishing effects, what pleased me last month no longer satisfies me.

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| ➤ By not envying sinners we can discover that ultimate delight is in the Lord          | <b>Psalm 37:1-4</b>     |
| ➤ By not envying sinners we decrease my battle with anger                              | <b>Psalm 37:7-9</b>     |
| ➤ By not envying sinners we diminish my struggle with discouragement and depression    | <b>Psalm 73</b>         |
| ➤ By not envying sinners we increase my desire to fear the Lord                        | <b>Proverbs 23:17</b>   |
| ➤ By not envying sinners we decrease my desire to be with them or like them            | <b>Proverbs 24:1</b>    |
| ➤ By not envying sinners we decrease anxiety   | <b>Proverbs 24:19</b>   |
| ➤ By not envying sinners we honor God through the Tenth Commandment                    | <b>Exodus 20:17</b>     |
| ➤ By not envying sinners we reveal that our heart is set on loving God                 | <b>Matthew 22:37-38</b> |
| ➤ By not envying sinners we acknowledge that Christ is the provider of abundant living | <b>John 10:10</b>       |
| ➤ By not envying sinners we communicate that our heart is set on eternal things        | <b>1Timothy 6:6-11</b>  |