

THE BIBLICAL HOUSEHOLD – Part 3

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

The goal is not a Religious Checklist. The Goal is Quality, Meaningful Time with God.

From Part 1: Being Christian does not make automatically make you a Biblical Household. The standard is not church, money, education, status, etc. It is the Presence of God.

From Part 2: **ELEMENTS OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

1. **Word of God** - To know the mind and ways of God; How to please Him.
 - a. The Word as the Final Authority in your life.
 - b. Your words in the home must be seasoned with salt.
 - c. **PHILIPPIANS 4:8** - Think/Meditate on the Word of God.

STILL DISCUSSING: WORD OF GOD AS ELEMENT OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

JOHN 16:12-15 – You decide which spirit/kingdom comes into your home by what you see, think, say, and do in your home.

- Every spirit has a culture.
 - Name, origin, language, what they eat, how to dress, and present themselves.
 - You don't have to invite the spirit – just live like it and it will find you.
 - Rule of spirits: every spirit seeks respect and expression on the earth.
 - God and His angels, the devil and his demons are looking for expression.
 - WHOSE CULTURE DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOME?

The HOME is the GARDEN for nurturing God's gifts and abilities.

- **GENESIS 18:18-19**
- **PROVERBS 22:6**
- **1 PETER 2:1-2**
- **EPHESIANS 6:4** vs. **PROVERBS 22:15**
 - We have been teaching our children our culture, instead of the culture of God.
 - We have been teaching our pain, trauma, and experience, instead of God's way.

APPLICATION – From a Tuesday Message

When God met Moses – overlooked his excuses and fears.
 When God met Gideon – overlooked his excuses and fears.
 When God met Mary – overlooked her excuses and fears.

GOD MOVES PAST OUR WEAKNESSES AND FAILURES.

Applies to EVERYONE, but especially in this order:

- GOD, HUSBAND/FATHER, WIFE/MOTHER

FORGIVENESS is very important in building a BIBLICAL HOUSEHOLD CULTURE:

1. That is the culture of God:

MATTHEW 6:12, COLOSSIANS 3:13

2. Unforgiveness limits the discovery, development, and deployment of ALL Gifts.

HEBREWS 12:15-16

- a. Almost all versions have it as a continuing sentence – the same point being made.
- b. Bitterness causes trouble, defiles us, and makes us fall short of God's grace – the empowerment and giftings of God.

CONCLUSION

- The culture of God invites the presence and power of God.
- God forgives us and nurtures our gifts and callings.
- Forgive each other so your home can have a Biblical Culture that nurtures everyone's gifts and callings.

PRAYER & COMMUNION IN FAMILIES

Start now – Build a Biblical Household.

- I request that you discuss and pray with your families at least once this week.
- Resources coming to help and encourage.