

THE BIBLICAL HOUSEHOLD – PART 14

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

KEY INFORMATION: IN THIS SERIES: Authority, Obedience, and Understanding.

1. The spirit world is a legalistic world and very unforgiving: Stay in your lane, do your job, know the law.
2. Ignorance of the law is no excuse, and it will be used against you.
3. Disobedience opens up avenues for demonic activity; therefore, the enemy's entry point is an act of disobedience, unholiness, or rebellion.
4. Understand that nothing is an accident. Everything is intentional and strategic in spiritual warfare.
5. Everything is a transaction.

TODAY – THE BIBLICAL HOUSEHOLD: Prayer continued...

THE SAME WAY THE ENEMY IS AFTER YOUR SOUL (and spirit and body), HE IS AFTER YOUR FAMILY.

GENESIS 18:18-19

- The devil is not original in his approach and systems. Everything he does is a counterfeit, distortion, contamination of God's original plan, approach and systems.
- God chose the approach of family to be fruitful, multiply, fill and replenish the earth. The enemy has copied the system as well.
- Your family is not just a gathering of people. In the world of spirit, your family is prime real estate, prime customers, business partners and a worthy target for the expansion of their missions.

STRATEGY 1: Every member in the family is an entry point. However, the fastest and most strategic approach to get a family to be long-term partners, customers, and investors is to control the head of the family.

THREE ways he does that:

1. The enemy DIRECTLY attacks man

- a. **ZECHARIAH 13:7** **MARK 14:27**
- b. Attacks his personal spiritual discipline: prayer, Bible study, worship.
- c. Challenges his ego: self-worth and financial success
- d. Compares him to his father
- e. Introduces vices that are in the men in his family
- f. Consistently reminds him of his sexual prowess and needs.

2. The enemy offers the woman an invitation to be head.

- a. The same way he told man that God was hiding something from them and limiting them, he tells the woman that the man is limiting you: REBEL AND DISOBEY GOD.
- b. The influence of a woman over a man: Eve (Adam), Sarah (Abraham), Rebekah (Isaac), Esther (King Xerxes), Mary (Jesus).
- c. Pressures the woman to take on the burdens of the home that the man is supposed to carry finances, spiritual leadership, building a safe home.
- d. Women: use your influence rightly because beyond the present victory, your family and future destinies are at stake:
 - i. If your husband is not praying, don't nag. Simply pray for him.
 - ii. Don't compare your husband to his father or other men.
 - iii. Build and encourage his self-worth: celebrate the positive, not emphasize the wrong.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-7

- Do not withhold sex from your husband. It is not something for him to TAKE; it is for you to PRESENT.
 - You want him to pursue GOD and YOU.
 - Stop training him to have to work for sex. It'll become his obsession.
 - Do not use sex as a reward system – according to the Word, your body belongs to him.
 - Opens doors for demonic activity when the owner is forced into labor to earn what is already his. An anti-Christ spirit takes over.
- MEN: protect you wife AND exercise self-control
 - Physically, spiritually, and care for their soul (mind, ~~will~~ and emotion), and you shall reap a bountiful harvest. May the Lord give you understanding.

3. The enemy attacks the children to destroy them

- The goal ultimately is to influence the head of the household to act contrary to the will of God: REBEL and DISOBEY GOD.

EPHESIANS 6:1-4

- Another goal is to destroy every seed of the woman so none will worship God and expand His kingdom to the nations.
 - Homosexuality
 - Abortion
 - Generational curses of incest and adultery
- Be aware of this strategy so you do not destroy the identity and destiny of the children.
 - Your children are not devils. He is simply turning you against them.
 - Think of how God deals with you as His child and do the same.
 - Love always, correct firmly but gently. Always lead them to Jesus.

CONCLUSION:

- Marry wisely
- Men, you are responsible for the state of the family [regardless of what the wife does]. Rise up and take your place. STOP COMPLAINING AND DO YOUR JOB.
- Women, pray like crazy

- Men, do not let your wives *outpray* you.

Start now – Build a Biblical Household.

- Discuss, pray, and worship with your families at least once this week – SUNDAY NIGHT
- Make your home a house of prayer for others: use your royalty to intercede for others.
- Adopt a missionary: give through the church toward their upkeep and pray for them earnestly as a family.