

# Building A Righteous Family

## Lesson 1

### Submission To God – Foundation of The Righteous Family

## Introduction

- Modern man insists we have no need for God, His law and especially “traditional” family structure – husband, wife and children
- Result – discard marriage and replace it with redefined family structure including homosexual couples or heterosexual couples living in fornication

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- Godless thinking promoted by mass media, public schools, judges and politicians
- Result – divorce, domestic violence, “open” marriage, homosexual families, corrupted children addicted to drugs and fornication
- Abandoning God and His law produces idolatry and immorality

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## Idolatry and Immorality Produced By Forsaking God

Rom 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

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## Idolatry and Immorality Produced By Forsaking God

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

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## Idolatry and Immorality Produced By Forsaking God

Rom 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

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- Goal of these lessons – remind Christians of God’s law concerning how to build a righteous family in the midst of a wicked world
- Encourage us to seek His wisdom instead of the flawed worldly wisdom
- No matter what our present family situation is, apply these things to ourselves and teach others, especially children

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- Righteous families make strong local churches from which elders may be selected
- Righteous families make strong nations that the Lord will allow to stand that His Word may spread and that Christians may lead tranquil and quiet lives

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## Righteous Families Make Strong Local Churches

1Ti 3:4 *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity

1Ti 3:5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),

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## Righteous Families Make Strong Nations

Pro 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to *any* people.

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## Submission To God – Foundation of The Righteous Family

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2. Submission to God ruling principle of the family
3. Submission to God above submission to family

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## Submission To God Ruling Principle Of Life

- Alternative family advocates ignore God and His law
- Christians recognize our primary obligation is to God who directs our behavior in all areas of life including family
- Failing to submit to God in all things causes us to not fulfill the only purpose for which we have been created, serving God

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## Our Primary Obligation Is To God

Mat 22:34 But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together.

Mat 22:35 One of them, a lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him,

Mat 22:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

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## Our Primary Obligation Is To God

Mat 22:37 And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'

Mat 22:38 "This is the great and foremost commandment.

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Mat 22:39 "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

Mat 22:40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

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1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

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## Submission To God Ruling Principle Of The Family

- Marriage and family relationship not based on relative social customs but on God's Word, the one who created humanity and marriage
- All family members should desire to please God above all, obeying Him in their family obligations

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## Family Relationships Created And Governed By God

1Co 11:3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

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## Husbands Love Your Wives

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

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## Wives Submit To Your Husbands

Col 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

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## Children Obey Your Parents

Col 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

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## Submission To God Above Submission To Family

- Family conflicts common
- When human authority conflicts with God, then we must obey God rather than family or anyone else

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## Job Did Not Submit To His Wife

Job 2:7 Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

Job 2:8 And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes.

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## Job Did Not Submit To His Wife

Job 2:9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

Job 2:10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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## Abigail Does Not Submit To Her Husband

1Sa 25:25 "Please do not let my lord pay attention to this worthless man, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name and folly is with him; but I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

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## Abigail Does Not Submit To Her Husband

1Sa 25:26 "Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, since the LORD has restrained you from shedding blood, and from avenging yourself by your own hand, now then let your enemies and those who seek evil against my lord, be as Nabal.

1Sa 25:27 "Now let this gift which your maidservant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who accompany my lord.<sup>26</sup>

## Gideon Does Not Submit To His Father

Jdg 6:25 Now on the same night the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull and a second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal which belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it;

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## Gideon Does Not Submit To His Father

Jdg 6:26 and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of this stronghold in an orderly manner, and take a second bull and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down."

Jdg 6:27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had spoken to him; and because he was too afraid of his father's household and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it by night.

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