

Building A Righteous Family

Lesson 5

Some Principles That Guide A Righteous Family

Some Principles That Guide An Unrighteous Family

1. Repeating cycle of sin
2. Examples of unrighteous principles

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Examples of Unrighteous Principles

1. Human authority above divine authority
2. Human wisdoms above divine wisdom
3. Outside family image above doing what is right
4. No personal responsibility taken for sin
5. Sin covered up and justified
6. Chief loyalty to family not the Lord

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Introduction

- As Christians, we must put off sinful practices and replace them with righteous thinking and behavior
- The Lord intended that we practice righteousness in our families so that children may also learn to do right
- Even if we are the only one in a family that follows the Lord, we can have a great influence for good

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2. Examples of righteous principles

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Righteousness From One Generation To Another

Pro 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

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Righteousness From One Generation To Another

Psa 78:4 We will not conceal them from their children, But tell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.

Psa 78:5 For He established a testimony in Jacob And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers That they should teach them to their children,

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Righteousness From One Generation To Another

Psa 78:6 That the generation to come might know, *even* the children yet to be born, *That* they may arise and tell *them* to their children,

Psa 78:7 That they should put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments,

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Righteousness From One Generation To Another

Psa 78:8 And not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not prepare its heart And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

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Joshua's Righteous Choice

Jos 24:14 "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

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Joshua's Righteous Choice

Jos 24:15 "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

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Joshua's Righteous Influence on Future Generations

Jos 24:31 Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

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Timothy's Grandmother and Mother's Righteous Influence

2Ti 1:5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well.

2Ti 3:14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*,

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Timothy's Grandmother and Mother's Righteous Influence

2Ti 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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Timothy's Grandmother and Mother's Righteous Influence

Act 16:1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek,
Act 16:2 and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium.

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Examples of Righteous Principles

- Notice some of the righteous principles that we should follow as Christians in our families should also be applied in all areas of our lives
- As we practice these principles, we become light to our families and the world
- With the Lord's help, no matter what our family situation, we can do what is right to His glory

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Divine Authority Above Human Authority

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.

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

Col 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

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Divine Authority Above Human Authority

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

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Divine Authority Above Human Authority

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

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Example of Teaching Divine Authority

Although no Jewish Passover today, shows how we should teach children why we follow what we do in New Testament

Exo 13:3 Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place. And nothing leavened shall be eaten.

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Example of Teaching Divine Authority

Exo 13:6 "For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD.

Exo 13:8 "You shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

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Example of Teaching Divine Authority

Exo 13:9 "And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder on your forehead, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with a powerful hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt.

Exo 13:14 "And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, 'With a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.'

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Example of Teaching Divine Authority

Exo 13:15 'It came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD the males, the first offspring of every womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

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Divine Wisdom Above Human Wisdom

Pro 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Eph 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

Eph 5:16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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Some Righteous Values From Divine Wisdom

- Following the Word of God produces godly character that expresses godly values
- As we develop these, we please God and influence others in our families and beyond to do the same
- Note some common examples of righteous values formed by following His Word

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Trust In God and Those Who Are Godly

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

Pro 3:6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

Pro 3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

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Trust In God and Those Who Are Godly

1Co 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,

1Co 13:5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*,

1Co 13:6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

1Co 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ²⁷

Trust In God and Those Who Are Godly

2Ti 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

2Ti 4:15 Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching.

2Ti 4:16 At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them.

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Devote Yourself To Serving God Daily

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

Deu 6:5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

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Devote Yourself To Serving God Daily

Deu 6:6 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

Deu 6:7 "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

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Be Grateful To God For All Things At All Times

1Th 5:16 Rejoice always;

1Th 5:17 pray without ceasing;

1Th 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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.

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Be Grateful To God For All Things At All Times

Php 4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity.

Php 4:11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

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Be Grateful To God For All Things At All Times

Php 4:12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

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

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.'

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

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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Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

Eph 4:28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need.

Act 20:35 "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" 38

Speak Truth To One Another

Eph 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

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Take Personal Responsibility For Sins

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Take Personal Responsibility For Sins

Act 8:20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!

Act 8:21 "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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Take Personal Responsibility For Sins

Act 8:24 But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

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Take Personal Responsibility For Sins

Jas 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Take Personal Responsibility For Sins

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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Chief Loyalty To Christ Not The Family

Luk 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

Luk 14:27 "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

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Chief Loyalty To Christ Not The Family

Luk 14:33 "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

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Chief Loyalty To Christ Not The Family

Mat 10:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Mat 10:35 "For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;

Mat 10:36 and A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.⁸

Chief Loyalty To Christ Not The Family

Mat 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:39 "He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

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Serve And Trust In God Each Day

Mat 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Mat 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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Luk 9:23 And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

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Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

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Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Serve And Trust In God Each Day

Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Serve Christ Even When Suffering

1Pe 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

1Pe 2:22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

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Serve Christ Even When Suffering

1Pe 2:23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

1Pe 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

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Php 1:27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Php 1:28 in no way alarmed by *your* opponents--which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that *too*, from God.

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Php 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

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