

7 Influences Threatening the Home Today

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Introduction

- i. Powerful influences are threatening our homes.
- ii. We must identify the threat and fortify our faith.
- iii. We must teach and train our children against ungodliness.

1. Atheism/Humanism

- a. Among our home's leading opponents is godless atheism.
- b. The existence of God must be taught in the home (Deut. 6:4-10; Heb. 3:4; Psa. 19:1-6).
- c. Morality exists and must be taught at home.
- d. Morality exists because God is the absolute good (1 Pet.1:14-16; Tit. 1:2; Jas. 1:13-14; 1 John 1:5; Prov. 14:34).
- e. Atheism says nothing is absolutely right or wrong, not even rape, incest or pedophilia (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

2. Attitudes Toward Scripture and the Church

- a. God's people have always found danger when they lacked knowledge of His Word (Hos. 4:6; Amos 8:11).
- b. Apathy
 - (1) Non-committal attitudes and general unconcern is threatening the home.
 - (2) Scripture refers to saints as being at war – the warfare is spiritual (2 Cor. 10:4-7).
 - (3) Soldiers must fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim. 6:12).
 - (4) The battle field is your mind and the minds of your children.
- c. Lack of Parental Oversight
 - (1) Many homes decay from within.
 - (2) The battle is being waged for our hearts and the hearts of our children.
 - (3) If children could rear themselves, God would not have given them parents.
 - (4) Bring back discipline to get to the child early (Prov. 23:13-14).

3. Materialism

- a. Never before has greed and avarice been shown for the evil it is than now in our nation.
- b. Homes have been destroyed because of materialism.
- c. God emphasizes contentment, but who practices it (1 Tim. 6:6-10)?
- d. The more entangled we are with this world the less effective we will be for God (2 Tim. 2:4-5).
- e. Every Christian needs to take inventory and see if they are anchored in this world or the next – do you have enough (Col. 3:1-3)?

4. Homosexuality

- a. The attack from the homosexual agenda is a pervasive, sometimes combative, at other times deceitful, but every time an intentional attack to destroy the home.
- b. The attack is fundamental – what is the very definition of a marriage?
- c. God has not changed His position on the subject, and He is the Creator of the home (Gen. 2:18-25; Matt. 19:4-6; 1 Cor. 7:1-3).
- d. Homosexuality can and will never be acceptable to God and those who follow Him (Rom. 1:23-28; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Heb. 13:4).
- e. As individuals, as families, congregations, a brotherhood and a nation, we must stand with God against this outrageous attack of God's design for the human race.
- f. God made a woman and brought her to the man and thus began the human family. Surely we do not feign ourselves wiser than God (Jer. 10:23; Rom. 1:21-27).

5. Divorce

- a. The ease with which some enter marriage and then quit marriage is destructive to the home.
- b. Jesus is clear – what God joined together man is not to put asunder (Matt. 19:6).
- c. Divorce hurts all involved no matter the cause.
- d. Both spouses are hurt mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually.
- e. All of the children involved are hurt in ways that cannot be measured and may be with the children for life.

- f. Divorce is often the result of other sins.
 - (1) These Scriptures needs to be followed in marriages (Matt. 7:12; Rom. 12:9; Eph. 4:26-27; Phil. 2:1-8; Jas. 1:19; 1 Cor. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 3:1-12).
 - (2) Couples who treat one another with the same love and regard they treat their other brothers and sisters will not end in divorce.
- g. We are joint-heirs together of the grace of life (1 Pet. 3:7).

6. Premarital Sex

- a. Premarital sex destroys the home because it destroys the people who comprise the home.
- b. Premarital sex often causes or leads to other problems (unwanted pregnancies, abortions, single motherhood, grandparents raising grandchildren, strain on resources, child neglect, disease, disillusionment).
- c. We simply need to teach, preach and live celibately until we are married.
 - (1) Lust after a woman is sinful (Matt. 5:27-28).
 - (2) Touching someone sexually is sinful (1 Cor. 7:1-2).
 - (3) Fornication is never to be named among God's children (Eph. 5:3).
 - (4) Young men and women, guard your hearts (Prov. 4:23).
 - (5) If she is not your wife, keep your hands off of her; if he is not your husband, keep your hands off of him.
 - (6) All sex outside of marriage is sinful sex, not safe sex. And no sin is safe (1 Cor. 5:1-5).

7. Worldliness

- a. The world's pressure to think like they think and act like they act is a constant influence that threatens our homes.
- b. We must not love the world (1 John 2:15-17).
- c. We must not conform to the world (Rom. 12:1-2).
- d. We must not befriend the world (Jas. 4:1-4).
- e. We must live here like pilgrims and strangers (1 Pet. 2:11).
- f. We must live the reality that all men will be judged (Heb. 9:27).
- g. Husbands must love their wives like Christ loved the church (Eph. 5:25).
- h. Wives must reverence their husbands like the church does Christ (Eph. 5:22).
- i. Children must obey and honor their parents (Eph. 6:1-2).
- j. We must live the reality that this world is not our home (2 Cor. 4:16-5:7).

Conclusion

- i. The home as God made it is the home as God would have it.
- ii. There is one man and one woman until death parts them.
- iii. We do not know better than God; we cannot improve on anything God has done.
- iv. Let us fight the terrible influences that seek to destroy Godly homes.
- v. Let us mount an offense by guarding our hearts and the hearts of our children.
- vi. Let us mount a defense by refusing to walk in the counsel of the ungodly.
- vii. Let us honor what God honors and hate what God hates.
- viii. Let each of us commit to stand with God.