

“A FIRM FOUNDATION”

Sunday, March 6, 2016

We are living in a day when the home is under attack. This culture that we live in is redefining marriage and the family. Biblical marriages and family is being undermined by the anti-God culture in which we live. Many Christian homes do not display the joy that God has intended. Many of these homes are weak and crumbling finding their children going away from Biblical truths once given their freedom.

The goal of this series is to encourage us with God’s Word and to challenge us to stand for Biblical truth by the grace of God. In these we will go back to the Author and Designer of the home and seek His will from His Word.

How Is Your Influence? How is your influence and what legacy will you leave with your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren?

I. The _____ of the Home (Psalm 127:1)

Matthew 7:24-25 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of **Mine**, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: ²⁵ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Matthew 7:26-27 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them **NOT**, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: ²⁷ And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

As we consider the foundation of the home we must see that there is a right foundation and a wrong one.

Cf. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

A. _____ the Home (v. 1a)

C. H. Spurgeon – The human hand without the hand of God is in vain.

“Little is much when God is in it.”

Proverbs 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the **LORD**.

2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of **God**;

Cf. Proverbs 16:3 & 9

B. _____ the Home (v. 1b)

A “*watchman*” is one who stands as a guard in order to protect. This speaks of security.

Cf. 1 Peter 5:8-10

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to **God**. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

John 15:5 I am the **Vine**, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in **Me**, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without **Me** ye can do nothing.

II. The _____ in the Home (Psalm 127:2)

This word “*vain*” carries the idea of emptiness; uselessness; without result. *Figuratively it speaks of idolatry* as one trusts in themselves instead of God.

Haggai 1:6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages *to put it* into a bag with holes.

To *work independently of God* is to try to make life work without His help. This is the “*bread of sorrows*” it is the vanity of anxiety.

Matthew 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof [*each day has enough of its own trouble*].

Cf. Psalm 3:5 & Psalm 4:8

Proverbs 14:26 In the fear of the **LORD** *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

III. The _____ of the Home (Psalm 127:3-5)

We have been entrusted with the next generation. We are called to be faithful stewards with those who follow after us.

A. We are called to diligence (v. 3)

What will be the effects of receiving children as an “*heritage of the Lord*”?

Warren Wiersbe – It is in the family that we preserve the best of the past and invest it in the future.

B. We are called to _____ (v. 4)

Cf. Deuteronomy 6:4-8

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

C. We are called to _____ (v. 5)

To “*be ashamed*” is to hang their heads in shame and confusion because they are ill equipped—they are not prepared for the battle they face.

Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.


1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

What is my next step?

(*Put off*) What must I *put off* that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

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“LOVE DISPLAYED IN SACRIFICE”

In preparation for next Sunday’s message please read over and meditate on Ephesians 5:25.

Dr. Allen Griffith – The Greek word, “*agape*” signifies the value placed on someone which determines the sacrifice you will make for them.

Q: Based upon Ephesians 5:25 & John 3:16 what “value” did Christ place on the Church?

Q: Based upon Romans 5:8 & 10, what was our relationship to Christ when He died for us?

Q: Consider Ephesians 5:2. How does God look upon Christ’s sacrifice?

Q: In what areas of your life can you display Christ’s kind of love more faithfully toward your family and those around you?

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)

2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?

3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?

4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)

5. In light of what **I** have heard from God,... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

OUR MISSION: *Passionately Serve God & Compassionately Serve Others*
—ALL to the Glory of GOD