God's Purpose For The Family

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INTRODUCTION

- When we talk about God in the home, when we talk about our responsibilities as parents and as spouses and as children in a Christian home. It's always a challenging thing.
- The home grows out of God's very first command to mankind.

1 God's Purpose for the Family Is to Grow His Family

Genesis 1:26–28; Psalm 127:3–5

- The structure of man and woman coming together as husband and wife to form one bond, one flesh, one unit, is set up, and they're commanded to be fruitful and multiply.
- I think more importantly, it's because God wants those souls to belong to him.
- God's purpose for the family is to grow his family.
- Behold, children a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward.

2 Passing On Our Faith From Generation to Generation

Genesis 18:19; Genesis 12:1; Romans 1

- He wanted us to care about our family so that it might pass on our faith from generation to generation.
- We see that the home was essential in the promotion and education about God.
- Abraham was to command his children to keep the way of the Lord in Genesis chapter 18 and verse 19.
- Failure of families to honor God in their homes results in what we have today of a society of sensuality, of lawlessness.

3 Our Spouses Also Teach Us About God

Genesis 1:27

- Another way that's interesting that the family has been set up is that our spouses also teach us about God.
- It's about husbands and wives helping each other to be more godly as well.
- Our spouse helps us become the person that we ought to be, and we learn about the characteristics of God from our spouse.
- God's aim in the home, his purpose for the family is to teach us about himself.

4 The Importance of a Godly Education

Deuteronomy 4:9–10; Psalm 78; Judges 2:7–10

- These were clear commands in the Mosaic Law. They were to ensure that God was not forgotten.
- You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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.
- Why did Israel fall away so many times? Why did they fail? Because they didn't obey this commandment.
- A generation arose after Joshua and after all the elders that outlived him that did not know the Lord.

5 The Demand Upon Christians Remains the Same Today

Ephesians 6:1–4; 2 Timothy 1:5

- One generation, if God is not in our homes, one generation, and it can be gone.
- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- A faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and now I'm sure dwells in you as well.
- The home, the family, remains the primary means of promoting God to subsequent generations.

6 God Needs to Be in Our Homes

- We teach our children about everything that's important in this life. Should we not also teach them about God?
- We cannot afford in this generation to have ignorant families.
- And if we don't teach them, where else will they learn?
- God needs to be in the center of our homes. He needs to be in our cars, at our dinner tables, at our bedsides, in our conversations.

THE CHALLENGE

If you're here and you want that for your family, I would admonish you to set the example for them, that God be at the center of your heart and of your home.

MY NOTES