

DANGERS CONFRONTING THE HOME

Gen. 2: 18 - 24; 1:28; Matt. 19: 3 - 9

INTRODUCTION:

1. We live in a day when many dangers confront the home as God would have it.
2. All should be concerned about the dangers that they might be avoided.
3. Let us look at some of the dangers.

I. THERE IS THE DANGER OF FORGETTING GOD

1. Several passages in Psalms that warn about forgetting God -- Psa. 9:17; Psa. 50: 22 -23; Psa. 78: 1 - 8; Deut. 6:12
2. Many Christians today live such hurried lives that they find themselves too busy to do the work Christians ought to do -- too busy to study, too busy to worship.
3. People who are too busy to do the work of God and worship God have forgotten God.
4. Many have forgotten him in home worship and study.
5. Many families never pray together or study together or talk about divine things.
6. Yes, there is a danger of forgetting God in the home.

II. THERE IS THE DANGER OF FAILING TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN -- Psa. 127: 3 - 5

1. God warned Israel not to let the things of God depart from their heart, and pointed out their responsibility of teaching their children -- Deut. 4: 9, 10
2. God told Israel how to teach their children in Deut. 6: 6 - 12
3. Paul teaches us in Ephesians 6:4 that we are to teach our children.
4. Some things children must be taught:
 - (1) They must be taught about God; that He is the Creator of all things -- Gen. 1:1
 - (2) They must be taught what is moral and what is immoral -- Heb. 5:14
 - (3) They must be taught God's plan of salvation
 - (4) They must be taught about Christ's church -- Matt. 16:18

III. THERE IS THE DANGER OF NEGLECTING THE CHURCH

1. The church plays an important part in the lives of each member of the family.
2. Faithfulness to the church and Christ helps the Home be what it ought to be.

3. You do not read of many divorces of people who are regular in attendance at the services of the church.
4. You do not read of many children getting into trouble who are regular in attendance at the services of the church.
5. Families who neglect their duty to the church are endangering their home
6. Heb. 10: 22 - 25

IV. LACK OF LOVE AND UNITY IS ANOTHER DANGER CONFRONTING THE HOME

1. Loveless marriages are unfortunate and often tragic.
2. What circumstances lead to loveless marriages?
 - (1) Marrying for spite
 - (2) Marrying for money
 - (3) Marrying merely because of physical attraction
3. Love is the tie that unites husband and wife -- love based upon qualities of character -- Eph. 5: 25, 28 - 29; Tit. 2: 4 - 5
4. A close tie of love should bind the parents and the children
 - (1) "Without natural affection" -- II Tim. 3:3 --Includes lacking in parental love
 - (2) "Disobedient to parents" -- a lack of love -- Eph. 6: 1 -3
 - (3) Some children hate their parents -- I Tim. 1:9; I John 3:15
5. No home can really be happy without harmony -- free from nagging and fussing -- all should work together in peace and unity.
6. Things that promote peace in the home:
 - (1) Kindness -- Prov. 31: 26
 - (2) The golden rule -- Matt. 7:12
 - (3) Confession of faults -- James 5:16
 - (4) Forgiveness -- Eph. 4:32
 - (5) Courtesy
 - (6) Being adults -- there are too many juvenile minds in adult bodies.

V. THERE IS THE DANGER OF SELECTING THE WRONG FRIENDS

1. Paul warns against selecting the wrong friends for companions -- I Cor. 15:33 -- "*Do not be deceived: bad company corrupts good morals*"
2. Husband and wife select friends in another couple, whose standards of right and wrong are not very high -- it is not long until their standards are not very high either.

3. A wife selects as her friend a woman whose standards are low -- it is not long before her standards are low.

(1) Many women have started running around on their husbands because of bad company with a bad woman.

4. Children select the wrong friends -- parents must see that the friendship is short-lived.

5. One bad girl can bring the downfall of four or five good girls who are allowed to run with her.

6. Many families are destroyed each year because they selected the wrong friends.

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