

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 8/30/09

SERIES: BENEFITS OF SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: *Ephesians 6:1-4*

TITLE: “GOD’S PLAN FOR THE FAMILY/PARENT’S”

INTRO:

1. God commands believers to separate from the world.
 - a. Example from Israel, *Leviticus 18:1-5*.
 - b. Exhortation from *Ephesians 4 & 5*.
2. Reject the lure of the world’s _____/consequences...
3. The corruption of God’s design for the family.
 - a. World-“Children get in the way.”
 - b. God-“Children are a gift, cf. *Psalm 127:3-5*.
4. _____ is the cause of present chaos....

PROPOSITION: Stand strong and speak up with boldness
for the family principles taught in the Bible.

- I. GOD’S INSTRUCTION FOR ALL PARENTS, *Ephesians 6:4*.
 - A. Parents Are Called To A Balance.
 - B. Roman History/Father Power.
 - C. The Parents Identified/“And you fathers,” *Hebrews 11:23*.
 1. Harvard study...
 2. Mier study...
 - D. The Parents Instructed.
 1. Negative instruction/“do not provoke your children to wrath.”

- a. Define the clause/parents can _____ open rebellion or internal smoldering.
 - b. Ways for parents to provoke children:
 - (1.) Overprotection.
 - (2.) Favoritism.
 - (3.) Driving Achievement.
 - (4.) Discouragement.
 - (5.) Failure to accept responsibility and make sacrifice.
 - (6.) A rejection of childishness.
 - (7.) Neglect.
 - (8.) Withholding or withdrawing love.
 - (9.) Physical and verbal abuse.
 - c. Children _____ on parental example....
2. Positive instruction/“bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”
 - a. Define, “training/nurture”, *cf. Hebrews 12:5-11*.
 - (1.) _____ by rules and regulations.
 - (2.) Enforce with rewards and correction.
 - b. Define, “admonition”.
 - (1.) Counsel/verbal instruction with a view to correct and guide.
 - (2.) “of the Lord” ...
 - (3.) “BRING THEM UP”-the task of parents.

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you a believer in Christ? Be born again!
2. Embrace biblical parenting. Confess parental sins and correct past mistakes.
3. Do you pray for your children?