

The Christian Home - Part 3 of 5

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John R. Rice emphasizes the biblical roles of authority, submission, and discipline within the Christian home for a harmonious family life.

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Scripture: Genesis 3:16, 1 Samuel 2:22-25, Proverbs 13:24, Ephesians 6:4, Hebrews 12:6, 1 Peter 3:1

Topics: "Family Leadership", "Parental Discipline"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of authority and responsibility in various aspects of life, drawing parallels between roles like a teacher in a classroom, a judge in a court, and a husband in a family. It discusses the biblical perspective on the roles of husbands and wives, highlighting the husband's leadership and the wife's submission. The sermon also delves into the significance of disciplining children according to biblical principles, stressing the importance of nurturing, admonishing, and chastening them in love.

Transcript

In a 50-50 proposition, I heard about a man arrested in New York City. He was selling rabbit sausage. And somebody said, that rabbit sausage is horse meat.

He put horse meat there. They got him before the court and the judge said, now what about that sausage? He said, rabbit sausage. Well, he said, does it have horse meat? Yeah, some.

Well, how much? He said, 50-50. He said, what do you mean 50-50? He said, one horse, one rabbit, 50-50. So any time I hear about this 50-50 business in marriage, I know who's the horse and who's the rabbit.

Yeah, you're such a rich man that don't have any character in manhood. You're the rabbit. God say, God's plan is to wipe the city through a hull of them.

Let me ask you a question. Is it some terrible imposition if you have a teacher in the classroom? How many believe that a schoolroom, a classroom ought to have a teacher per kid? Let's see, do you believe that? Yeah. Well, do you think that a court ought to have a judge? Well, do you? Do you think a country ought to have a president? Do you think a city ought to have a mayor? Do you think a state ought to have a governor? Do you think a big corporation ought to have a president? Executive? Yeah.

Do you think an army ought to have a general? Huh? Do you think so? Wouldn't be a silly business if there was anybody had any authority, nobody had any responsibility. Unless God's plan for the home, a husband to be the head of the home, and a wife and children to love and honor him, and he's to answer to God for the family, so it is. Oh, yes.

And God bless good women. Now, you say, I hate to knuckle under. Ah, so do I. Say, I don't want nobody telling me what to do.

Oh, you don't? Well, listen, back in Genesis when God said to Eve, he said, I'm going to multiply thy sorrow and thy conception, and sorrow shall thou bring forth children, and thy desire shall be thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. Somebody said, I don't want nobody ruling over me. The devil didn't either.

That's why I rebelled in heaven and got to be cast out of heaven to be a devil instead of an archangel. Yeah. I don't want to rule over me.

That's what's the matter with all the men in jail. That's the reason people go to hell. Amen.

You know that? Just put this thing down. There's no way to be a good woman if you're a wife unless you take God's place for a good woman. You're subject to your husband.

That's right. Some woman said, but, brother, I said, listen, I'm a better Christian than my husband. Well, that's wonderful.

I'm glad you're such a wonderful Christian. If you're such a good Christian as that, you'd probably want to follow the Bible, wouldn't you? Huh? Wouldn't you? And the Bible says, well, I've been subject to your own husband. Somebody said, brother, I asked my husband and I'm saved.

But in 1 Peter chapter 3, you know, if you're married to an unsaved man, does that mean all your life you're going to be a lion and a sheep? You think people, unsaved people, you'll deal with, you'll still be honest and keep your contract? Huh? And if you said to Beth Lewis Park, don't you think that unsaved men have a right to expect that too? So 1 Peter chapter 3 said, likewise your wife, being subject to your own husband, that if it had been without the word, they may without the word be one with the conversation of their wives, while they behold your chaste conversation, coupled with fear. A lot of Christian women are sending their husband to hell because they've blacked their own influence and make themselves liars and cheats and perjurers. And then they wonder why the husband don't want that kind.

I don't blame them. I wouldn't either. And God's way for a husband and wife is to be her husband.

That's the way of happiness. That's what it is. What does the Bible have to say about correction of misbelief in children? It has a good deal to say about it.

I wonder how many have a Bible right? Do you have a Bible now? Do you, right now? Look at Ephesians 6, 4. Ephesians 6, 4. Likewise you fathers, he said, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. You fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. How many have a Schofield Bible? I have.

Let's see your hand. Got a Schofield Bible? Look at the word there, the word nurture. Is there a little M by it in the middle of it? Look over there.

Is there a little M by that? Look over in the middle column and see what it says. Or discipline. You see that? Is that right? So, bring your children up in the discipline and admonition of the Lord.

Oh, discipline. I looked up that Greek word. Dr. Tom Long says, I know a little Greek and a little Hebrew.

A little Greek, he runs a restaurant. A little Hebrew runs a clothing store. So, I know a little Greek and I looked up that Greek word.

And I found out how often it's used. For instance, in Hebrews, chapter 6, the scripture says, Our fathers chastened us at their pleasure. And no, chastening for the moment seems good, but grief, yes.

Or perhaps the word chastening is the same word that translates nurture here. Bring your children up in the admonition or nurture, in the discipline, in the chastening of the Lord. In Luke, chapter 22, I believe it is, Pilate said about Jesus, I'll chastise him and let him go.

I'll beat him with a Roman scourge and let him go. They said, no, we won't crucify him. But the word chastise is a verb form right here.

Bring your children up in the chastising and nurture of the Lord. But, Brother Rice, I believe in talking to children. I do too.

But children don't always hear the first time. You know that? Yeah. And they don't listen too well.

Miss Rice and I found a way to make it so they could hear. You know that? Bring them up in the nurture or in the discipline and admonition. Someone said, Brother Rice, I believe in praying for children.

I do too. But praying doesn't take the place of doing right. Amen.

Praying won't take the place of obeying the Bible. What you better do is you better do what the Bible says and pray God will work it out that way and he will. See that? You say, whip children? Yes, sir.

A woman years ago had a column in the paper, and she said, if my dad hadn't whipped me, if he'd beaten me, I'd hate him until I die. My brother, Dr. Bill, has gone to heaven now. Dr. Bill said if it had been our dad, when he whipped her, she wouldn't hate anybody.

She'd love him to death for stopping. You know that? Yes, sir. That's God's will.

This is just as much the Bible as John 3, 16. And Christians ought to have the Bible on how to have a Christian home. Turn to Proverbs 13, 24, please.

He that spareth the rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. Did you get that? He that spareth the rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. You say, I love my boy too much to whip him.

No, you don't. You're lying. You love your own lazy godless self and don't have character enough to do right to let the boy go to hell.

No, that's right. You're supposed to whip your children and make them mind to do right. Be good.

How do you read in 1 Samuel 2, 1 and 2 about Eli? He was a high priest. He was a godly man. Had boys who were wild, adulterous, irreverent, profane.

And God told Samuel one night, said, Samuel, Samuel. He said, you will tell Eli his sons have made themselves violent. He restrained them not.

And you tell him I'm going to take the priesthood away from him and from his sons forever. Oh, what trouble. And the boys died in battle, and the old man fell off of the bench where he sat.

When he heard the ark of God was stolen by the Philistines, he broke his neck and died, 90 years old. A curse on the whole family because he didn't whip his children. His sons made themselves violent.

He restrained them not. You know, it's a sad thing. I've seen so many Christian families whose children go wrong.

I was in a revival meeting in Central Oklahoma years ago. I went downtown, and I went from store to store and met every businessman, and invited them to come to the meeting. They were very gracious and courteous to me, but I found they didn't come to the meeting.

I wonder why. I found out. After two or three nights, the pastor's son, 17 years old, came in drunk one night and couldn't get in the house until he went in the church in the basement and lay there and vomited all over the floor.

They found him there in his vomit on his morning, and I knew then why people didn't come to church, that church. How many people, Christian people, had children go wrong. A man came to me since I've been at this conference.

A fine young fellow came to see me. I know his father. He's a good man.

This young fellow told me how that when he was young, he got on daydope and sinned one time in love and followed him for years until the ghost of his sins haunts him today, a preacher's son. That's pretty bad, isn't it? Preacher's son, pretty bad. Bill Sunday had such a sermon on, Get on the motor wagon, a sermon against booze, and his own boys arrested again and again for drunkenness.

That's pretty bad, isn't it? Let me tell you now, you better take the harm. If you can't raise a good family, you're not a good Christian. If you can't keep the boys and girls right and raise them to serve God, then you're in a lane, going to have to take the lane for it, he that liveth in sin.

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