

D2: The Home – A biblical survey of home life.

Review—Wellspring Purpose and Disciplines:

9 Categories to help us see God's heart in Scripture for household relationships:

1. The relationship between the heart and household relationships.

- Exodus 20:12-14, 17; Deuteronomy 5:16
- Deuteronomy 4:9-10
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Deuteronomy 7:1-5 (vv 3-4)
- Psalm 78:1-8
- Malachi 4:1-6 (Luke 1:16-17)
- Ephesians 6:1-4

- 1 Timothy 3:4-5
- Titus 2:3-5

2. One Old Testament woman who grasped God's heart for the family/home.

- Ruth 1:16-17, 20; 2:2, 11-12; 4:14-15

3. Old Testament failures to grasp God's heart for the family/home.

- Exodus 4:21-26 (Moses)
- 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-26, 29-31 (Eli)
- 1 Samuel 7:15-8:5 (Samuel)
- 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, 18 (David: the priority of his house); 11:26-27; 12:9-10, 11a (David: the undoing of his own house)
- 1 Kings 11:1-4, 9 (Solomon)
- 1 Kings 16:30-33; 18:4; 21:25 (Jezebel)

- 1 Kings 8:16-18; 2 Chr. 21:6; 2 Kings 8:25-27; 1 Kings 16:29; 2 Kings 8:27; 11:1-3 (Athaliah)

4. The ease at which God is forgotten in the home.

- Deuteronomy 6:10-12; 8:10-20

5. The impact of one's faith on the entire household.

- Acts 10:22-24, 44-45 (Cornelius)
- Acts 16:11-15 (Lydia)
- Acts 16:22-34 (Philippian jailer)

6. The attack on the home.

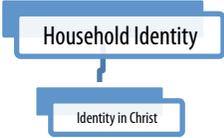
- 2 Timothy 3:1-9
- Psalm 16:11

7. The family/home can become an obstacle to the gospel.

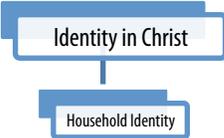
If I put my *household Identity first and my Identity in Christ underneath*, what might you hear me saying?

“That’s the way I was raised!”
“My family always argues!”
“Quick-temper run in my

family!”
“My dad never praised me.”—etc.



BUT, when I place my *household & family Identity UNDER my Identity in Christ*, then it is Christ’s work in me that gets brought into the household, not vice-versa.



- Matthew 10:34-39; Luke 12:51-53; 14:26
- Luke 9:57-62
- Matthew 12:46-50; Mark 3:20-21, 31-35; Luke 8:19-21

8. Submission to a husband requires a strong grasp on the gospel.

- Ephesians 5:22-24

9. A New Testament model marriage.

- Acts 18:1-3, 24-28; Romans 16:3-5a

“The gospel changes everything about us. Most particularly, it changes how we love and treat others. Soaking ourselves in the astounding love of God for us, weak and sinful as we are, will cause us to become people who love. The pure, undefiled Prince of heaven, Jesus Christ, was called a friend of “tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:19). It should be obvious that He loves sinners, because He has loved us.

Living in the light of this truth will enable us to love. It will remove all our self-righteousness and craving for respect, it will free us to lay down our lives and not keep a running tally of who sins most (or who serves most!), and it will make us patient and gentle. The gospel is the environment for all our relationships. The gospel teaches us to love.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:9-11)”

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chapter 8, “The Gospel and our Relationships”
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