

Outline – November 7, 2021
Psalm 127:1-5; Ephesians 6:1-4
Proverbs 24:3-5
The Family

Our World Is In Chaos

- I. The chaos we are seeing**
 - A. Our financial/economic system
 - B. Our medical system
 - C. Our educational system
 - D. Our ecclesiastical system
 - E. Our approach to our weather system
 - F. As the family goes, so goes society
- II. The priority of the family**
 - A. The first human institution created and blessed by God
 - B. God gave it 3 things
 - 1. Purpose
 - 2. Power
 - 3. Principles
- III. The purpose of the family**
 - A. To honor God
 - 1. Worship
 - 2. Knowledge
 - 3. Obey
 - 4. Walk
 - 5. Talk (prayer)
 - B. Create structure, stability, safety
 - 1. Where you fit in
 - 2. Where you connect
 - 3. Know where you are from, where you are going
 - 4. Identity
 - 5. Not alone
 - C. Share convictions, morals, principles
 - D. Roles, rules, responsibilities are understood, determined, fulfilled
 - 1. Husband (dads) – protect, provide, bless, create boundaries
 - 2. Wives (moms) - nurture, care, manage, agape love
 - 3. Children – learn, obey, develop
 - E. Create a foundation upon which to grow, share grace, truth, love, devotion
 - 1. Form an attachment
 - 2. Form a bond

IV. The power of the family

- A. The family is the first school, church, team, your child will ever know
- B. What your child learns positive or negative will shape his/her life
 - 1. Their understanding of life
 - 2. Their relationships
 - 3. How they see God
 - 4. They may choose to suppress it, ignore it or rebel against it
 - 5. But it's always there (story of Prodigal Son)
 - 6. The family shapes much of who we are
- C. Therefore, the Bible teaches knowledge is power
 - 1. "My people perish due to a lack of knowledge"
 - 2. A man of knowledge increases strength
 - 3. By knowledge rooms are filled with pleasant riches
 - 4. Knowledge is information based on truth (the Word and the Messiah)
- D. Understanding is comprehension
- E. Wisdom is application
 - 1. Can't apply
 - 2. What you don't understand
 - 3. Results: House filled with treasure, pleasant riches, happiness

V. The kingdom principles of the family

- A. Principles make things work in a system
- B. A family is a system
- C. When principles are denied or defied in a system...things break down
- D. A kingdom has a king
 - 1. King Jesus is our King
 - 2. He set forth certain principles
- E. King Jesus makes it clear family begins with a husband and wife
 - 1. Matthew 19:4-5
 - 2. Husband, wife, (parents) under the authority of the King
 - 3. If He is not your King, then you are not in His Kingdom
- F. The 7 kingdom principles of the family
 - 1. Christ Jesus is the center of the family
 - a. Serving Him
 - b. Worshipping Him
 - c. Declaring Him
 - 2. Counsel
 - a. Biblical application
 - b. Biblical understanding
 - 3. Complimenting
 - a. Blessing
 - b. Beware of criticism and contempt
 - 4. Connection
 - a. Busyness kills
 - b. Being in a hurry kills
 - c. Build memories

- d. Be a refuge
- e. Be close
- 5. Careful discipline
 - a. Beware of anger
 - b. Beware of disconnection
 - c. Beware of creating rejection
- 6. Commitment to each other
- 7. Confess your failures
 - a. Forgive
 - b. Forge something new

What Really Matters Is Your Family