

**HARMONY WITHIN THE FAMILY**  
**(the child/ parent relationship)**  
**(Ephesians 6:1-4) pt 1**

- **Walking In Harmony** (Eph. 5:22-6:9)

- Between husband & wife (5:22-33)
- Within the family (6:1-4)

**A. The Importance of the Family**

1. As seen in Scripture ...

- That God in His grace had provided certain principles .... \_\_\_\_\_ in His word, for the \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_ of the human race!
- Right after creation Satan attacked God's plan, by getting man to \_\_\_\_\_ against God's revealed will - to do his own thing – so man \_\_\_\_\_ by disobeying God concerning the forbidden tree! (Gen.3)

Deuteronomy 6:4-ff

- The **point** to note here is - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ God's word is always the \_\_\_\_\_ thing for any generation to do!
- How does Satan attack the family today?
  - 1) He attacks fathers by getting them to \_\_\_\_\_ their role as head of the family!
  - 2) He attacks mothers by forcing them \_\_\_\_\_ of the home & into the \_\_\_\_\_!
  - 3) The kids are under \_\_\_\_\_ as well.
- 2. As seen in the church ... The church helps equip the home \_\_\_\_\_... then the home spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ the church with \_\_\_\_\_ minded believers practically!
- 3. As seen in the nation... “as the \_\_\_\_\_ goes... so goes the \_\_\_\_\_”!

**B. The Divine Institution Aspect**

- a. Tells us that God in His grace had provided certain principles .... *divine institutions* in His word, for the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of the human race!

b. "The laws of divine establishment are designed to protect societies which are made up of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ alike. These laws are designed to protect \_\_\_\_\_ (reaching the lost w/ the gospel) and the teaching of \_\_\_\_\_ (the establishment of biblical truth to live by) (Acts 17:26-28)

• What are the "*divine institutions*" that God has established?

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• These six institutions were ordained by \_\_\_\_\_, thus are \_\_\_\_\_ in origin!

• God's Truth is absolute \_\_\_\_\_. Let's not forget that the \_\_\_\_\_ defines \_\_\_\_\_

• Behind every thought that is contrary to Scripture is the \_\_\_\_\_ thinking of \_\_\_\_\_ that wants to \_\_\_\_\_ your thinking!

• Let's look at God's divine institution of the family...

1) The divine institution of \_\_\_\_\_ is a family, but with the addition of \_\_\_\_\_ it becomes a larger family.

2) What does the bible say about children? (Psalm 127:3-4)

a) Children *are* a \_\_\_\_\_ from the LORD

b) The fruit of the womb *is* a \_\_\_\_\_, = children are God's \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ for every family.

3) The biblical family is a \_\_\_\_\_ & a \_\_\_\_\_ living together for a \_\_\_\_\_ & raising their \_\_\_\_\_!

4) Single parenthood is \_\_\_\_\_, but not undoable by God's \_\_\_\_\_!

5) God designed the family to be the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ generation! (Deut. 6:4-9; Proverbs 1:8; 6:20, etc; Ephesians 6:1-4)

• What should all this mean to you?