

# **The Impact of Godly Homes upon Society**

**Col. 3:18-21**

## **Introduction:**

- A. General agreement that family life has an impact on society.
  - 1. Most school and law enforcement officials agree.
  - 2. High divorce rate and latch key kids recognized as a detriment.
  - 3. Domestic violence has a great impact on the crime rate.
- B. The fundamental elements of an orderly society is learned in Bible-centered homes.

## **Discussion**

### **I. Peace**

- A. A Bible-centered home is “called unto peace.” (Cf. 1 Cor. 7:15).
- B. A Bible-centered home is not a fighting area (cf. Prov. 21:19; 25:24).
  - 1. All have disagreements – do not let them degenerate into strife.
  - 2. All have to work for peace – 50-50 proposition or 100-100?

### **II. Love**

- A. Bible-centered homes teach, learn and practice love.
  - 1. Husbands and wives (Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:4).
  - 2. Children and parents (Matt. 19:19; Tit. 2:4)
  - 3. Note just an emotional feeling, but a principled commitment
  - 4. Love that is best seen by what it does (1 Cor. 13:4-7).
- B. Love in the home translates to love of neighbors in society (cf. Matt. 19:19).

### **III. Respect**

- A. Bible centered homes teach, learn, and practice respect.
  - 1. Respect for authority.
    - a. Of husbands (Eph. 5:23; Tit. 3:5).
    - b. Of parents (Eph. 6:1-3)
    - c. Of God and supreme authority.
      - (1) “Christ and Church (Eph. 5).
      - (2) “Of the Lord” - “In the Lord” (Eph. 6:1, 4)
      - (3) “Word of God be not blasphemed”(Tit. 2:5).
      - (4) “Prayers not be hindered” (1 Pet. 3:7)
      - (5) “Sight of God (1 Pet. 3:4)
  - 2. Respect for rights and feelings.
    - a. Marital privileges (1 Cor. 7:1-5).
    - b. Honor due to wives (1 Pet. 3:7; Eph. 5:28, 29).
    - c. Respect due to children (Col. 3:21)
- B. Respect in the home prepares one for respect in society.
  - 1. Respect of civil law (Rom. 13:1-5).
  - 2. Respect for neighbors rights (Mark 10:19; Lev. 19:13).

## **Conclusion:**

- A. Let our homes return to teaching and practicing these fundamentals.
- B. Let our homes return to putting God first in everything.
- C. Then, Society will reap the benefits of things learned at home.