

[Actual reality] is the biblical
Christian filter through which we view
Every category of life
Mirror Mirror on the wall

12.31.17

Gods way is exclusive 10.15.17 & 10.29.17

Only One Way: the doctrine of Exclusivity 11.5.17 and 11.10.17

The Narrow Gate 11.12.17

Christian family instruction 11.26.17

Gods objective for The Family

objective

1 a thing aimed at or sought; a goal: the system has achieved its objective.

*1. Knowing God's intended purpose

a. Why do you exist as a family unit?

What is the role and responsibility of children? and specifically,
what should you be thinking?
what should you be focusing on?
As a parent what are your goals and objectives?

A hundred years ago the family was a tight unit. There was Mom and Dad and 2 to 16 children.

That's just the opposite of the self-centered view today.

People! Young adult Christians are more concerned with achieving their personal goals, their success in business, education, entertainment, or whatever they think the good life is. Their personal agenda takes the primary seat. Often times their unaware that their spouses agenda is quite different from theirs.

but God's word directs us and unites us under the same agenda

This leads to the breakdown of marriage and the breakdown in the family.

There are many reasons you can come up with to justify not being profoundly involved in the lives of your children; or preparing to be profoundly involved.

But the bottom line is that is the objective and each one of us has to determine how we are going to achieve that objective.

Are you **entrapped** by Christian worldly viewpoint thinking?

You may think getting your children involved in:

sports
dancing
singing
hunting

These things are very important for the child's development.

But according to Scripture all that is secondary at best.

God's purpose is that we would be so consumed in spiritual knowledge that we are:

entrap | in'trap, en'trap | verb (entrap, entrapping, entrapped) (with object)
catch (someone or something) in or as in a trap:
(she was entrapped by family expectations).

On how human viewpoint seduces the spiritually naïve
she was trapped by family expectations

Deuteronomy 6:1-25 (NKJV)

1 "Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess,
2 that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.
3 Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you—"a land flowing with milk and honey."
4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.
7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

if you do it, then God will do it

10 "So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build,
11 houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant--when you have eaten and are full--
12 then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

13 "You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name.
14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you,
15 for the Lord your God is a jealous God among you, lest the anger of the Lord your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.
16 "You shall not tempt the Lord your God as you tempted Him in Massah.
17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.
18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the Lord swore to your fathers.
19 to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has spoken.

Question

20 "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord our God has commanded you?'

why the son?

If you obey God's word to know it, then you will have answers for your children

Answer

21 then you shall say to your son: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;
22 and the Lord showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.
23 Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers.
24 And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.
25 Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.

*2.

In relation to family, and how we think about family:

We make it our aim to be well pleasing to him

a.

Colossians 3:18-4:1 (NKJV)

18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.
20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.
21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.
22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.
23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,
24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.
25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.
1 Masters: give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

εὐαρεστος (**euarestos**) means doing that which is acceptable. It is not the idea of bringing pleasure but the idea of doing that which is acceptable or that which is correct.

There will be an evaluation, at the judgment seat of Christ.

There is an evaluation of everything we do in life with reference to rewards and punishment.

and there will be an evaluation in terms of our
roles and responsibilities as parents.

So as Christians we need to think about family from a biblical perspective.

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