

GENESIS 18:19 (KJV) "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

The foundation of the family structure is built upon God's divine order and hierarchy. Godly parenting is not satisfied with simply bringing up children to live a good moral life, free from crime, drugs, or deviant behaviour; even parents of the world can do that. It is not merely about educating them so they are successful in their careers and financial futures.

The true focus of godly parenting is redemption. God specifically designed our sons and daughters with the correct DNA and mind to recognize Him, hear His voice, see His wonders, and declare, "This is my God, how Great is He".

LEVITICUS 10:10-11 (KJV) "And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses."

He brought forth children for fellowship and worship, intending for our homes to reflect His glory just as the Garden of Eden was a specially designed place of communion with Him.

DEUTERONOMY 33:10 They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

The Divine Flow of Instruction

To build a truly godly home; we must follow the sacred blueprint. The divine order of spiritual instruction does not originate with us; it starts in God's heart and mind, moves to His prophets, then to the ministry, down to the parents, and finally to the children. This establishes a vital spiritual cleansing process: the prophet washes the ministry, the ministry washes the parents, and the parents wash the children with the Word of God. We must approach our parenting with profound humility, recognizing that we do not own our children. We are only the stewards and caretakers of God's children. Because He has entrusted them to us, He has not left us blind; He has given us a manual His Word and commanded us to teach it diligently to our children when we sit in our houses, when we walk by the way, and when we rise up.

DEUTERONOMY 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

The Marital Foundation

Within this sacred structure, God has established specific roles founded on mutual respect and love. The husband is appointed as the head, but this is a role of loving leadership, never of tyranny. God made the woman to be a helpmate and a sweetheart, not a doormat. A husband has no right to beat, drag around, or mistreat his spouse, for God remains the ultimate ruler over them both. While a wife is instructed to obey her husband, her highest allegiance is always to God; if a husband tries to force his wife to stop reading her Bible or going to church, she is not obligated to obey him in that unrighteous command. We must protect this union at all costs. **The separation of families is often caused by the simple neglect of love.** Husbands and wives must honour one another; a husband must remember that his wife is a helpmate and a sweetheart, not a doormat. Do not let the honeymoon cease; treat your spouse as your sweetheart, remembering that God wants us to come to Him out of love, not force.

Godly Discipline versus Delinquency

When it comes to the next generation, we must have the courage to correct. Today, millions of children are left at home alone to be raised by the television. The old golden rule of the home has been broken as parents let their kids do whatever they want. Make no mistake when children lose respect for their parents, the family is torn to pieces. The rising tide of violence and juvenile delinquency in the world is the direct result of a delinquency in the church and in the home.

Guarding the Atmosphere with Holy Temperance

If we are to protect this divine structure, we must guard the atmosphere of our homes against the destructive spirit of anger. The medical world rightly identifies uncontrolled temper as the first stage of insanity, and the spiritual truth is that a carnal temper comes from Satan. Tragically, we often lose our tempers most with our own family members. We value our public reputations, our jobs, and our friendships above our families, taking our mates and children for granted because we know they love us and are unlikely to retaliate or leave.

We must put away this hypocritical, carnal behaviour and practice Holy Spirit temperance, which is the control of the tongue and the temper. Do not let the sun go down upon your wrath. When frustrations arise, do not fuss back, because temper only breeds temper; instead, remember that love breeds love, and learn to sweeten your temper with prayer.

Commit to restoring God's divine hierarchy. Be washed in the Word, cherish our spouses, discipline our children with biblical courage, and fill our homes with the Holy Spirit's temperance and love.

Brothers and sisters, today we are looking at the sacred responsibility of raising children in the Lord. Godly parenting is not satisfied with simply bringing up children to live a good moral life, free from crime, drugs, or deviant behaviour. Even parents of the world can do that.

It is also not merely about educating our children so that they are successful in their careers and secure in their financial future. Instead, the true focus of godly parenting is redemption. Our calling is to raise and train our children to be disciples of Christ, glorifying God starting right within our own homes. God specifically designed our sons and daughters with the ability to hear Him, see His wonders, and recognize His wisdom, so that they might declare, "This is my God, how Great is He".

We must remember that we do not own these children; we are only the stewards and caretakers of God's children. Because He has entrusted us with them, He has given us a manual His Word to guide us in raising them. To raise godly children, we must follow God's divine order. The flow of spiritual instruction goes from God's heart and mind, through His ministry, down to the parents, and finally to the children. **You cannot impart what you do not possess.**

Just as the ministry washes the parents with the Word of God, the parents must in turn wash their children with that same Word. We must be washed and purified ourselves before we can correctly lead our families. The atmosphere of our home is essential to this mission.

We must also guard our homes against the spirit of anger. The Bible warns us that a quick-tempered person acts foolishly, and temper only breeds more temper. Tragically, **we often lose our tempers most with our family members.** We take them for granted because we know they love us and are unlikely to leave us.

We must put away this carnal behaviour and practice Holy Spirit temperance, learning to control our tongues and our reactions. Do not let the sun go down on your wrath. Righteous indignation is described as a "good anger" or "godly anger". God created humanity with the capacity for anger so that this passion and energy might be productively directed against sin. To understand righteous indignation, we must contrast it with sinful anger.

Sin as "a righteous act perverted". Because Satan can only pervert what God has already created, a destructive, carnal temper is just a perversion of God-given righteous anger. Anger is considered justifiable and righteous when it is an indignation against the dishonour done to God and His Word, or when wrong is done to man. The scriptures command believers to "**Be ye angry, and sin not**" (Ephesians 4:26), demonstrating that anger directed at sin is not evil. A believer experiencing righteous indignation is not angry at the people themselves, but rather angry at the devil who causes sin and blinds people to the truth.

There are several biblical examples of righteous indignation:

- **Jesus Christ** looked upon the Pharisees with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts before healing a man on the Sabbath.
- **Jesus** fashioned a whip to drive the moneychangers out of the temple, driven by a consuming zeal for His Father's house.
- **Phinehas** executed judgment against sin in the camp of Israel, which stopped a plague because he was "zealous for his God".
- **Nehemiah** became "very angry" and rebuked the rulers of Israel for exacting usury from their brethren.

Righteous indignation is a fierce defence of God's Word, where one speaks the truth as guided by the Holy Spirit. However, even in righteous anger, believers must not let the sun go down on their wrath, lest they give place to the devil and allow it to fester into malice or revenge. When frustrations arise, we must choose to **sweeten our tempers with prayer** and humility.

Godly parenting requires the courage to discipline. Even though the responsibility of correcting a child can sometimes "take the very hide off of us" as parents, but it is necessary. The biblical truth remains: "**Spare the rod and you'll spoil your son**". The old golden rule of the home has been broken by letting children do whatever they please. Let us align our families with the Word, choosing redemption over secular success, love over anger, and godly discipline over neglect.

THE DIVINE HIERARCHY: BUILDING A GODLY HOME

GOD & PROPHETS
Originating the Heart and
Mind of the Word



THE MINISTRY

Washing and purifying the parents
with the Word

THE PARENTS

Washing and disciplining
the children for redemption

MARITAL ROLES OF LOVE & RESPECT

Husbands provide loving
leadership without tyranny;
wives maintain highest
allegiance to God.

HOLY SPIRIT TEMPERANCE

Control the tongue and
temper; ensure love, not
carnal anger, governs
the home.

CHILDREN

Stewardship Over Ownership:
Parents are caretakers, entrusted
to guide children using His Word.

Continuous Spiritual Washing:
Teach God's statutes diligently
while sitting in the house, walking,
lying down, and rising.

REDEMPTIVE DISCIPLINE

Prioritise raising
disciples of Christ.

VS.

SECULAR SUCCESS

Prioritise raising disciples of Christ
over mere financial security or
worldly morality.



The Divine Blueprint: Stewardship and Hierarchy in the Godly Home

THE MARITAL FOUNDATION & ATMOSPHERE



LOVING LEADERSHIP, NOT TYRANNY

The husband is the head of the home, but must treat his wife as a "helpmate and sweetheart" rather than a doormat.



THE HIGHEST ALLEGIANCE

While a wife is instructed to respect her husband's leadership, her ultimate obedience is always reserved for God and His Word.



IDENTIFYING "GOOD ANGER"



JESUS

BIBLICAL MODELS OF RIGHTEOUS ANGER

Righteous indignation is a fierce defense of God's Word. Examples include Jesus driving out moneychangers and Phinehas executing judgment, examples of anger directed at sin, not people.



GOD

PROPHETS

THE SACRED DESCENT OF WORD
Instruction originates in God's heart, moves to His prophets, then to the ministry, down to parents, and finally to the children.



PARENTS

The Spiritual "Washing" Process
Each level of the hierarchy has a responsibility to purify the next: the prophet washes the ministry, who washes the parents, who then wash their children with the Word.

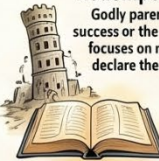


PARENTS' STEWARDSHIP OVER OWNERSHIP

Parents must approach their role with humility, recognizing they are merely caretakers of children who ultimately belong to God.

Redemption vs. Secular Success

Godly parenting is not satisfied with secular success or the absence of "sins" but focuses on raising children to recognize and declare the greatness of God.



SECULAR SUCCESS



REDEMPTION

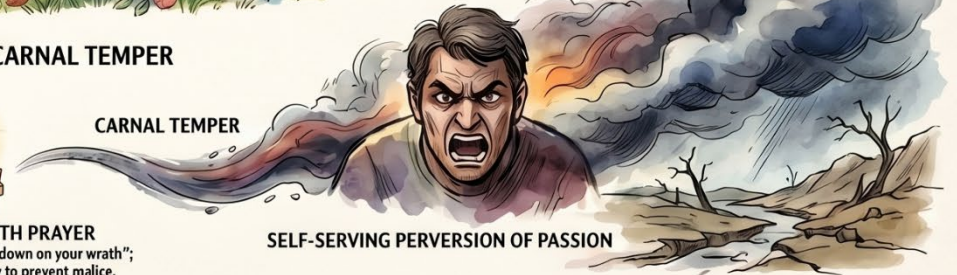
THE PURPOSE OF GODLY PARENTING

RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION VS. CARNAL TEMPER



SWEETENING THE TEMPER WITH PRAYER

When frustrations arise, the "sun must not go down on your wrath"; instead, one must choose prayer and humility to prevent malice.



CARNAL TEMPER

SELF-SERVING PERVERSION OF PASSION

HOLY SPIRIT TEMPERANCE



Holy Spirit Temperance

True spiritual maturity involves the control of the tongue and temper; carnal anger is identified as a perversion of God's design that breeds further conflict.

