

**Parenting Conference: Men's Session #1**  
2-15-14

**Introduction:**

**I. Marriage Essentials for Parenting**

- A. Humility
- B. Spiritual leadership
- C. Honor and respect your wife

**II. Family Essentials for Parenting**

- A. Fear the Lord
- B. Respect authority
- C. Choose good friends

### III. Lifestyle Essentials for Parenting

#### **How can we help our children embrace our lifestyle choices?**

1. Decide what is acceptable to God based on Bible study, prayer, and honest communication between you and your wife.
2. Consistently follow the guidelines you have set for that lifestyle without compromise for man or culture.
3. Communicate to your children the reasons for each guideline you have.
4. Use daily experiences to make practical application of your guidelines through nurturing communication.

#### **Lifestyle Examples** (not intended to be an exhaustive list)

- A. Modesty (dress, make-up, hairstyles, mixed swimming, pants/dresses)
- B. Music
- C. Media/technology
- D. The Lord's Day
- E. Marriage preparedness

## ENTERTAINMENT ETHICS

**James 4:4.** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (Micah)

**Exodus 20:7.** Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. (Seth)

**1 Cor. 10:13** “Whether therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

**1 John 2:15-17.** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world ... If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**Phil. 4:8.** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

**James 1:27.** Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

**Psa. 101:2-3.** I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

**Eph. 4:29.** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**Gal. 5:19-21.** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

If God looks at these things seriously, then I should not be careless in the things by which I am entertained and, thereby, receive pleasure.

*Desiring to please God, we as a family have agreed to the following guiding principles for our television, video, literature, tapes, recordings, or any other kind of entertainment.*

- 1. We will not be entertained by those things which profane our Lord's name either literally or euphemistically.**
- 2. We will not be entertained by those things which use profanity or vulgarity of any kind.**
- 3. We will not be entertained by immodesty.**
- 4. We will not be entertained by worldly music.**
- 5. We will not be entertained by that which portrays evil as good (normal) or good as evil (abnormal), i.e. applauding disrespect to authority.**
- 6. We will not be entertained by that which gives credence to the theory of evolution.**
- 7. We will not be entertained by entertainment videos or television on the Lord's Day.**
- 8. We will exercise wisdom when being entertained in other people's homes. Usually, dismissing ourselves from the room is the best policy if something violates our ethics of entertainment. Are we more worried about offending God or man?**

*We all hereby agree to these guiding principles and acknowledge them to be applications of God's Word. God help us to faithfully keep it and encourage others to do so as well. May we not be a stumbling block to our other family members. If at first, we do not know the contents of a particular source of entertainment, we will cease activity immediately if it violates these guidelines. Some exceptions may be made for educational activities (example: evolution vs. creation).*