

The Tactics of the Enemy

Biblical Worldview of the Family-Part 2

III: Tactic #3: Rebellion Against _____

As we mentioned last week, there are three institutions that God created and ordained; family, church, and government and within each of these, God uses authority to ensure that these institutions continue according to His design. But the world has applied situation ethics to attack this authority. As it relates to the home, there are two primary areas of attack.

A. _____ of fathers: Eph. 4:22-24

Because of man's rejection of God's design of the family, men have done a very good job of not being there for their family.

The results have been devastating:

- 4/10 babies are born out of wedlock
- 78% of men in prison come from fatherless homes
- 92% of men in prison are fathers

Additionally, we find absentee fathers due to work, hobbies, and addictions.

B. through the _____ that submission is bad and rebellion is good

When the heart turns to rebellion as its source to simply get what it wants rather than turning to submission because that is what God wants, that is an enemy that affects the home.

Everything mentioned this morning are not physical problems ... but spiritual problems. To fix our nation we have to fix the home. To fix the home we have to fix the heart. And to fix the heart, requires faith in Jesus Christ.



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A Biblical Worldview of Family

Part 2: 1 Cor. 6:18; Lev. 18:22; Eph. 5:22-24

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Last week, we focused on God's design for the family and how it is in great contrast to the world's design for the family.

This week, we continue by looking at the tactics that the Devil and world use against the family in order to destroy God's design.

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I: Tactic #1: Removal of _____: 1 Cor. 6:18

By worldly standards, purity within the home no longer holds much value. Inappropriate and sexual content has now become part of our accepted culture to the degree that purity is often mocked and ridiculed. But in a society where anything goes, eventually everything will. But God tells us in His Word ...

A. _____ fornication

fornication = *fornication is any sexual activity / sin outside of marriage*

To guard against the world's attempt to rob your home of purity, God says to flee fornication; flee any idea that teaches or approves of sexual encounters outside of marriage.

B. _____ from fornication: 1 Thess. 4:3-5

God says to abstain... hold yourself off and refrain from fornication because there is a connection between the broken family and the lack of purity in our teaching, in our thinking, and in our society. The fact that our world and even some Christian homes are not fleeing and abstaining from fornication is a direct result of the world's attack on the family.

And so while the world says that kids will be kids, and they are going to experiment anyway, and what better way for them to learn than to experience those natural things of life ... God says ... *I have reserved these experiences specifically for marriage. And rather than involve yourselves with them, no matter the excuse, I want you to flee and abstain from all sexual activity outside of marriage.*

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II: Tactic #2: Elevation of _____:

Lev. 18:22; Romans 1:22-32

Do you remember when the whole gay rights argument was about "tolerance"? It has since been elevated to the degree that it is no longer about tolerance or even about pride. But rather now, it is being elevated to the degree of normalcy. But God tells us in His Word to not only flee fornication but also that sodomy is ...

A. an _____: Lev. 18:22

God created us in His own image. He created us with the idea of companionship, commitment, AND continuation by way of a man and woman marrying and having kids. Sodomy and other sexual perversions go against God's design for the family.

Not only does God call it an abomination but He also calls it ...

B. a _____ affection: Romans 1:22-32

vile = disgraceful / dishonorable / shameful

How often do we hear ... *"don't people have the right to love who they want? Don't they have the right to be happy?"* If being involved in sodomy and other sexual sin makes a person happy then that is their business. But, we cannot allow what God clearly calls sin to be normalized in our society because God says it is a vile affection.

If we are to be a committed Christians then our view needs to line up with the Bible. We need to be in agreement with God's Word; we need to set aside the pulling of the hearts strings and simply *let God be true and every man a liar* (Romans 3:4)
