

THE INFLUENCE OF THE HOME

TEXT: (II Timothy 1:5, GWT)

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INTRODUCTION

A. The Home—a Sanctuary

1. "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers" (Psalms 1:1-3, NIV).

I. THE BLESSING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Proverbs 14:34, NIV).
2. "Be imitators of God" (Ephesians 5:1, NIV).

A. Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

1. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matthew 5:6, NIV).
2. "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:1-2, NIV).
3. "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1, NIV).

B. Blessed Are Those Who Desire to Be Pure in Heart

1. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" (Matthew 5:8, NIV).
2. "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.' 'Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.' 'I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty'

Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God" (II Corinthians 6:14-7:1, NIV).

C. Blessed Is a Life Governed by the Laws of God

1. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16, NIV).
2. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17, KJV).
3. "Take the...sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17, NIV).
4. "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word"

(Psalm 119:9, NIV).

5. "Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you" (James 1:21, NIV).
6. "But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:25, NIV).
7. "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward" (Psalm 19:7-11, NIV).
8. "Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I lodge" (Psalm 119:54, NIV).

II. BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE RIGHTEOUS

A. Raised God's Way

1. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6, NIV).
2. "Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death" (Proverbs 23:13-14, NIV).
3. "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Proverbs 19:18, KJV).
4. "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him" (Proverbs 13:24, NIV).
5. "A child left to himself disgraces his mother" (Proverbs 29:15, NIV).

B. The Power of a Righteous Example

1. "Encourage young men to use good judgment. Always set an example by doing good things. When you teach, be an example of moral purity and dignity" (Titus 2:6-7, NIV).

C. The Provision of Security in the Home

1. "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Timothy 5:8, NIV).
2. "When you build a new house, make a parapet around your roof so that you may not bring the guilt of bloodshed on your house if someone falls from the roof" (Deuteronomy 22:8, NIV).

III. THE IMPORTANCE OF RIGHTEOUS LIVING TO THE NEXT GENERATION

A. The LORD in the Midst

1. "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1, NIV).
2. "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15, NIV).

B. Teach Obedience and Respect

1. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1, NIV).
2. "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the

LORD your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12, NIV).

3. "If anyone curses his father or mother, he must be put to death" (Leviticus 20:9, NIV).

CONCLUSION

1. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth" (III John 1:4, NIV).
2. "Her children arise and call her blessed" (Proverbs 31:28, NIV)
3. "The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful" (Matthew 13:22, NIV).
4. "A child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15, KJV).
5. "I'm reminded of how sincere your faith is. That faith first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm convinced that it also lives in you" (II Timothy 1:5, GW).