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DAILY DOCTRINE
Family: God's Provision
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A. God's Attitude and Will Toward the Family

1. God's attitude toward the human race is always one of grace. God always provides what man needs. This is true for temporal life issues as well as salvation, John 3:16.
2. The family is a divine institution (#3) provided for the whole human race by God. It is an institution for the celebration of love between a man and a woman and for the raising and training of children.
3. Family was instituted by God and blessed, Gen. 1:28.
4. Marriage, divine institution #2, was established to provide a home and love for the family, Gen. 2:22-24; Eph. 5:28, 33.

B. Family Interrelationships.

1. Children are a blessing, Gen 4:1; Psa. 127:3-5.
2. One of the most common problems in the home is one of rebellion and resentment-- problems of mental attitude.
3. There will always be challenges and bona fide independent uses of volition on the part of the maturing adolescent. However, this must always be tempered with respect and obedience toward parents —especially during times of misunderstanding and tension: e.g., in dating, in various views of the kosmos, trends, politics, government, and the shifting relativism of our age. (Today's young people face special challenges due to society's rejection of Aristotelian metaphysics of purpose). The majority of people today live in the bowels of Plato's cave of images and illusions perpetrated by the puppeteers of kosmos diabolicus. The best thing any parent can do is to teach Bible doctrine to the children and prepare them to be able to defend the faith. It is important to provide answers to questioning adolescents to prepare them for the world and all of life. They need it more today than ever. One of the worst things any parent can do is to separate Christianity from reason as per fideism. The world is filled with mental and moral midgets regarding Reality. Only the Christian with Bible doctrine and an understanding of core philosophical issues has the power to defeat anything and everything that comes against the knowledge of God:

2 Corinthians 10:5 *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

4. The key to better understanding in the home is the proper mental attitude of the parents and the children.
5. Both parents and children must face this problem and seek a solution in order that harmony might prevail.
6. The proper mental attitude in the home and elsewhere comes through the filling of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and orientation to laws of divine establishment.
7. The Christian way of life (in the home and outside the home) is a supernatural way of life which cannot be lived apart from the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Rom. 7:6.

Doctrine Matters!

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