

Termites of the Christian Home

Int.

1. Aim: To show that we must not allow sin [termites] to destroy our Christian homes.
2. Gen. 1:27-28 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."
 - a. The home was established by God in the beginning
 - b. Our homes are the basic unit of society
 - c. As the home goes, so goes the community, the church, the nation and the world.
3. A good home does not just happen. It takes effort to make it and keep it strong. If we neglect it it will soon begin to decay.
4. Termites destroy our homes
 - a. They are very small but work to destroy our homes.
 - b. Termites of ugly sinful attitudes can likewise destroy our homes.

Discussion

I. The Termites

A. Hate

1. The family is based on love for everyone
2. But hate often enters the marriage
 - a. Col. 3:19 "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them."
 - b. Bitter = RSV - Harsh "Never treat them harshly" TCNT "be not cross or surly with them" MNT
 - c. When there is bitterness there is no love

3. Rom. 1:31 "without natural affection"

- a. Hard hearted towards those of kin
- b. Instead of love there is hatred
- c. There is an attachment which nature teaches the young of all animals to have to their mothers and the mothers to the young

B. Unkindness

1. Col. 3:12 Put on "kindness"

- a. Kindness = gentleness, good, usefulness
- b. Eph. 4:32 - "and be ye kind one to another" Kind = courteous, polite

2. Quarreling and fussing is common in many homes - never a kind word

3. Vain words and foolishness - even cursing and profanity is often used

C. Worldliness

1. 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. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

2. Lust of the flesh - drinking, cursing, lying, stealing

3. Lust of the eye - - lust, adultery

4. Vainglory or pride of life - money, famous, popular

5. A worldly home causes its members to be worldly

II. The damage

A. Broken homes

1. Separation comes to marriages because of unkindness, hate and worldliness
2. Divorces then follow the separations
3. Then the children are split between parents - cannot be with both
4. Pro. 13:15 "...The way of transgressors is hard."

B. Broken hearts

1. Termites of the home are really destructive to the hearts of all the family
2. Solomon's advice =
 - a. Prov. 21:9 "It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house."
 - b. Prov. 21:19 "It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman."
3. Many tears are shed because of the damage to the hearts of family members.

C. Abuse - Murder

1. Husbands often beat their wives and sometimes kill them
2. Abortion - mothers kill their babies
3. Aged parents or elderly are often abused, neglected - some even want to practice euthanasia with people who are older and "unproductive"

D. Lost Souls - this is the worst thing that happens to people who live in sin.

Ezekiel 18:20 NKJV

III. The Solution - How to control them

A. ORKIN - Pest Control Company

1. Prevention - avoid them
2. Extermination if they are already there.
3. Termites can only live and work in darkness - if they are exposed to the light they will die
4. The bible is the light for our Soul - it exposes sin and it dies.
 - a. Psalms 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."
 - b. John 8:12 "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

B. Obedience

1. To God - John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments."
2. Wife to Husband - Subjection
 - a. Eph. 5:21-22 "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands,"
 - b. Tit. 2:5 "obedient to their own husbands"
3. Children to Parents -
 - a. Luke 2:51 Jesus was subject to his parents - subject = be under obedience
 - b. Eph. 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right"
 - c. Rom. 1:30 "disobedient to parents"

C. Restriction

1. Prov. 22:15 "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."
2. A child does not need everything he wants - it will destroy him
3. A child needs to learn to obey
4. Proverbs 23:13-14 "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell."

D. Kindness

1. The oil of human relations
2. Prov. 31:26 "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness."
3. Col. 3:12 asv "Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering;"
4. Eph. 4:32 asv "and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you."

E. Instruction

1. Prov. 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
2. II Tim. 3:15 "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."
3. We are to teach one another the message from God about how to live for HIM.

F. Nurture

1. Eph. 6:4 "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." ASV "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord."
2. Nourish = bring up rightly
3. Nurture = "The whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose new commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment) it includes also the care and training of the body." P. 473
4. Education or training - by implication, disciplinary correction - chastening

CONCLUSION

1. The greatest job in the world is to keep you home life happy and pleasing to God
2. This is the duty of every Christian
3. Guard your home and protect them from these termites
4. Exterminate your home
 - a. Keep them out and your home will be much stronger
 - b. If they do enter, get rid of them as soon as you can. The sooner you can get them out the less damage they will cause.