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Marriage and Parenting

What are the main pressures on marriages and parenting today?

1. BUILDING GOOD MARRIAGES

★ Creating a home

Genesis 2:18-25

18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper
suitable for him." 19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals
and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name
them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man
gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for
Adam[a] no suitable helper was found. 21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a
deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs[b] and then closed up
the place with flesh. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib[c] he had taken out
of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my
bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."
24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they
become one flesh. 25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 3:16-19

16 To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with
painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you." 17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate
fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is
the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of
your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the
field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.

As God has established the relationship between man and woman in marriage we can see

What are some things you've learnt about this passage?

★ Maintaining a home

Proverbs 31:10-31

10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

15 She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family, and portions for her servant girls
16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.
26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

★ Disturbing a home

Romans 12:21
Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.'

Proverbs 15:1
A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Ephesians 4:32
Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:26
In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

Should there be conflict in marriage?

★ Blessing a home

Romans 8:28
And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

SOME TIPS

2. BEING WISE PARENTS

What are the influences which are powerful on the family apart from parents?

★ Trust God

Psalm127:3
Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him

Psalm139:13-15
For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth

★ **Teach God** – God is the Wise Lord

Titus 2:2-5
Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be

busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. [5] Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. [6] These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. [7] Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. [8] Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. [9] Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Proverbs 19:18

Discipline your children, for in that there is hope;

Proverbs 22:6

[6] Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

★ Model God

Romans 5:1-2

[1] Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Jensen Positives and Negatives: ie what we got right, where we went wrong.

Negatives	Positives