

BLUEPRINT Luke 14:26 *for Biblical Families*

The Heart, Mind, and Practice of Godliness in the Home



blue•print [blu-prints] — noun
A detailed outline or plan of action: a blueprint for success.

*Please join us for the first of our 2011 Grace seminars.
Our burden for this seminar is that all who attend would leave with a clear understanding of what God
has called them to do and be within their family, a detailed plan of action, and a joyful eagerness
to go after it for the glory of God and the good of their family.*

*Friday, March 4th from 6:30-9:00pm
Saturday, March 5th from 8:30am - noon.
Childcare is provided.*

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FRIDAY EVENING (6:30-9:00pm) - WHAT A BIBLICAL FAMILY MUST BE

Snacks and Fellowship
6:00-6:30pm

Session 1: What is a Biblical Family?
6:30-7:15pm

Here, we'll look at the origin, definition, and parameters of a biblical family, we'll spend some time evaluating our own families in light of this, and we'll begin to put together a plan for growth.

Break
7:15-7:20pm

Session 2: What is a Biblical Marriage?
7:20-8:05pm

In this session we'll look at the definition and a few distinguishing characteristics of a godly marriage. Once again, we'll also have some time to evaluate our marriages in light of the truths that we'll encounter and an opportunity to make a plan for the future.

Break
8:05-8:15pm

Session 3: What is a Godly Person?
8:15-9:00pm

Godly families come from godly marriages and godly marriages come from godly individuals. We'll look closely here at the nature and characteristics of a godly person. We'll also take a closer look at the distinctives of godly men and women.

SATURDAY MORNING (8:30am-noon) - WHAT A BIBLICAL FAMILY MUST DO

Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:00am

Session 4: What Are the Biblical Duties of Husbands and Wives?
9:00-9:55am

Husbands and wives have been charged with certain unique responsibilities as husbands and wives. We'll look at each of these responsibilities, evaluate ourselves in them, and make a plan for growth.

Break
9:55-10:00am

Session 5: What Are the Biblical Duties of Parents - Part 1?
10:00-10:55am

The bible prescribes a number of duties to parents. We'll examine each of these closely and then ourselves in light of them.

Break
10:55-11:00am

Session 6: What Are the Biblical Duties of Parents - Part 2 and What Are the Biblical Duties of Kids?
11:00am-noon

In our final session we'll wrap up our look at the biblical duties of parents and then take a brief look at what God has called children to do.

BLUEPRINT FOR BIBLICAL FAMILIES

What a Biblical Family Must Be

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Grace Church, Grace Seminar

March 4th, 2010

FIRST THINGS FIRST – THE ORIGINS AND NATURE OF BIBLICAL FAMILIES

1. Creation (Genesis 1-3).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>God, Marriage, and Family</i> by Andreas Köstenberger	

2. The gospel (Romans 1:16).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What is the Gospel</i> by Greg Gilbert• <i>A Gospel Primer for Christians</i> by Milton Vincent• <i>The Gospel and Personal Evangelism</i> by Mark Dever• <i>Follow Me</i> by Pastor Dave• <i>Knowing God</i> Grace Tract	

3. The Word of God (1 Timothy 3:16-17).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>ESV Study Bible</i> by Crossway• <i>Expositor's Bible Commentary Series</i> by Frank E. Gaebelin (Editor)• <i>New International Commentary on the New and Old Testament Series</i> by Gordon Fee (Editor)• <i>Systematic Theology</i> by Wayne Grudem	

4. The Holy Spirit (Philippians 4:13).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Forgotten God</i> by Francis Chan	

5. The Church (Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>9 Marks of a Healthy Church</i> by Mark Dever• <i>Stop Dating the Church</i> by Joshua Harris• <i>Family Driven Faith</i> by Voddie Baucham	

WHAT IS A BIBLICAL FAMILY?

A biblical family, according to Tyler Scarlett, is one which displays the following understandings and characteristics:

1. Family is not simply a good idea. Family is a God idea (Genesis 1-3).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>God, Marriage, and Family</i> by Andreas Köstenberger	

2. Godly families start with godly marriages. Godly marriages start with godly men (Eph. 5:22-33).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson• <i>What Did You Expect?</i> by Paul Tripp (DVD)	

3. God designed the family so that husbands and wives would both compliment and complement one another (Ephesians 5:22-33).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood</i> by John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Editors) • <i>This Momentary Marriage</i> by John Piper • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson 	

4. God's primary objective for your family is not your happiness, but your holiness (Eph. 5:22-33).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What Did You Expect?</i> by Paul Tripp (DVD) • <i>Sacred Parenting</i> by Gary Thomas 	

5. Our family is precious to God, when our God is more precious than family (Luke 14:26, Mark 1:16-20, Matthew 10:34-36, Mark 3:31-35).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This Momentary Marriage</i> by John Piper 	

6. The church is not the primary means of discipleship, the home is (Deut. 6:4-9, Eph. 6:1-4).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Family Driven Faith</i> by Voddie Baucham • <i>Shift</i> by Brian Haynes 	

7. “Honor thy father and thy mother” is a biblical prescription for little kids and big kids (Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-2).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Withhold Not Correction</i> by Bruce Ray • <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp 	

8. The primary relationships in the family is not parent-child, it is husband-wife (Genesis 1-3, Ephesians 5:22-33).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson 	

9. Biblical parenting does not emphasize discipline at the expense of emphasizing discipleship (Ephesians 5:22-6:4).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gospel Powered Parenting</i> by William Farley • <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp 	

10. Don't aim at being a good family. Don't aim at being a great family. Aim at being a gospel family.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cross-centered Life</i> by C.J. Mahaney • <i>Gospel Powered Parenting</i> by William Farley • <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp 	

WHAT IS A BIBLICAL MARRIAGE?

1. Marriage is permanent (Matthew 19:6). Marriage is permanent since it was established by God.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This Momentary Marriage</i> by John Piper • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>God, Marriage, and Family</i> by Andreas Köstenberger • <i>Love that Lasts</i> by Gary & Betsy Ricucci 	

2. Marriage is sacred (Genesis 2:22). Marriage is a relationship before and under God. It is not merely an agreement between two willing individuals.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This Momentary Marriage</i> by John Piper • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>God, Marriage, and Family</i> by Andreas Köstenberger • <i>Love that Lasts</i> by Gary & Betsy Ricucci 	

3. Marriage is intimate (Genesis 2:23-25). Marriage is the most intimate of all human relationships.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CJ and Carolynn Mahaney's Messages from the 2004 Desiring God National Conference • <i>This Momentary Marriage</i> by John Piper • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>Love that Lasts</i> by Gary & Betsy Ricucci 	

4. Marriage is mutual (Ephesians 5:25-30). Marriage is a relationship of free self-giving of one human being to another.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This Momentary Marriage</i> by John Piper • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>God, Marriage, and Family</i> by Andreas Köstenberger • <i>Love that Lasts</i> by Gary & Betsy Ricucci 	

5. Marriage is exclusive (Genesis 2:22-25; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5). No other human relationship must interfere with the marriage commitment between a husband and a wife.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This Momentary Marriage</i> by John Piper • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>God, Marriage, and Family</i> by Andreas Köstenberger • <i>Love that Lasts</i> by Gary & Betsy Ricucci 	

6. Marriage is evangelical (Ephesians 5:22-33). I added this one to highlight the simple fact that biblical marriages are always speaking of and based on the gospel.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This Momentary Marriage</i> by John Piper • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>God, Marriage, and Family</i> by Andreas Köstenberger • <i>Love that Lasts</i> by Gary & Betsy Ricucci 	

WHAT IS A GODLY PERSON?

1. A worshiper/lover of God - One who is satisfied in God alone (Matthew 22:37-39).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Desiring God</i> by John Piper • <i>Pursuit of God</i> by A.W. Towzer • <i>Communion with God</i> by John Owen • <i>Follow Me</i> by Pastor Dave 	

2. A debtor/lover of people – One who desires others to be satisfied in God alone (Matthew 22:39).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Crazy Love</i> by Francis Chan • <i>Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God</i> by J.I. Packer • <i>The Gospel and Personal Evangelism</i> by Mark Dever • <i>Follow Me</i> by Pastor Dave 	

3. One who sees God and His Word rightly - Understanding God rightly means knowing Him as He truly is and not as we (or others) have made Him to be (2 Timothy 3:16).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Good Commentaries</i> • <i>Knowing God</i> by J.I. Packer • <i>Knowledge of the Holy</i> by A.W. Tozer • <i>Systematic Theology</i> by Wayne Grudem • <i>Follow Me</i> by Pastor Dave 	

4. Godly character – One who is becoming like Christ in his or her character (Matthew 5:48).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pursuit of Godliness</i> by Jerry Bridges • <i>Respectable Sins</i> by Jerry Bridges • <i>Spiritual Disciplines</i> by Donald Whitney • <i>Follow Me</i> by Pastor Dave 	

5. Part of the Body of Christ – One who recognizes his or her role as a believer in the body of Christ (Romans 12:4-5).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Just Do Something</i> by Kevin DeYoung • <i>Stop Dating the Church</i> by Joshua Harris • <i>Follow Me</i> by Pastor Dave 	

6. Recognizes dependence on God – One who lives based on the knowledge that he or she relies on God for everything (John 15:5).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Humility</i> by C.J. Mahaney • <i>A Hunger for God</i> by John Piper • <i>Follow Me</i> by Pastor Dave 	

7. Suffering servant – One who recognizes Jesus call to serve and suffer (Matt. 20:25-28, John 15).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Don't Waste Your Life</i> by John Piper • <i>Crazy Love</i> by Francis Chan • <i>Follow Me</i> by Pastor Dave 	

a. What is a godly man?

- i. Glory-bearer - Men are the glory of God (1 Corinthians 11:7).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Future Men</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory & a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>The Masculine Mandate</i> by Richard Phillips 	

- ii. Lord - Man was created to exercise dominion in the earth (Genesis 1:26-28).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Future Men</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory & a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>The Masculine Mandate</i> by Richard Phillips 	

- iii. Husbandman - Man was created, not only to discover and conquer new worlds, but also to make those worlds flourish.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Future Men</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory & a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>The Masculine Mandate</i> by Richard Phillips 	

- iv. Savior - Men also have a deep desire to deliver or save. The great example of a savior is, of course, the Lord Jesus Christ (Genesis 3:14-15).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Future Men</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory & a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>The Masculine Mandate</i> by Richard Phillips 	

- v. Sage - The sage is a man who is great in wisdom. Wisdom is personified in Scripture (Proverbs 1-9).

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Future Men</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory & a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>The Masculine Mandate</i> by Richard Phillips 	

b. What is a godly woman?

- i. Glory-Bearer – Women were created in the image of God (Gen 1:26-28) and are called to reflect His greatness and splendor (Psalm 144:12).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Caroline Mahaney • <i>The True Woman</i> by Susan Hunt • <i>The Fruit of Her Hands</i> by Nancy Wilson 	

- ii. Helper – Women were created to be helpers (Genesis 2:18). They have a God-given desire to support, serve, and befriend (Proverbs 31:20).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Caroline Mahaney • <i>The True Woman</i> by Susan Hunt • <i>The Fruit of Her Hands</i> by Nancy Wilson 	

- iii. Life-Giver – Women are life-givers (Genesis 3:20).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Caroline Mahaney • <i>The True Woman</i> by Susan Hunt • <i>The Fruit of Her Hands</i> by Nancy Wilson 	

- iv. Lady – Women are called to adorn themselves with the imperishable beauty which is found in devotion to Christ (1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:9-10).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Caroline Mahaney • <i>The True Woman</i> by Susan Hunt • <i>The Fruit of Her Hands</i> by Nancy Wilson 	

- v. Manager – Women should consider home as the center of ministry and be devoted to the well-being of their household (Proverbs 31).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Caroline Mahaney • <i>The True Woman</i> by Susan Hunt • <i>The Fruit of Her Hands</i> by Nancy Wilson 	

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What a Biblical Family Must Do

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WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF BIBLICAL FAMILY MEMBERS?

1. What are the specific duties of husbands?

a. To lead his family – Genesis 2:18, 20; 1 Corinthians 11:9; Ephesians 5:23.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>Family Driven Faith</i> by Voddie Baucham 	

b. To love his wife – Ephesians 5:25.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>Love and Respect</i> by Emmerson Eggrich 	

c. To be a living picture of Jesus (RM p.44) – 1 Corinthians 11:1.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>Seeing and Saving Jesus Christ</i> by John Piper 	

d. To be a husbandman to his wife (RM p.44) – Ephesians 5:25, 29.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>Song of Solomon</i> by Tom Nelson (DVD) 	

e. To be jealous for his wife (RM p.45) – 2 Corinthians 11:2; Exodus 34:14.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson 	

f. To meet his wife’s sexual needs (RM p.46) - 1 Corinthians 7:3-4.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>Intended for Pleasure</i> by Ed Wheat • <i>Song of Solomon</i> by Tom Nelson (DVD) 	

g. To be content with his wife (RM p.46) – Proverbs 5:15-23; Matthew 5:28; Exodus 20:17.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>Song of Solomon</i> by Tom Nelson (DVD) 	

h. To supply his wife/family with the things that they need to survive (RM p.46) – 1 Timothy 5:8; Exodus 21:10-11.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reforming Marriage</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>For a Glory and a Covering</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>Song of Solomon</i> by Tom Nelson (DVD) 	

2. What are the specific duties of wives?
- a. To help her husband – Genesis 2:18.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Carolyn Mahaney • <i>The Fruit of Her Hands</i> by Nancy Wilson 	

- b. To respect her husband (RM p.48) – Ephesians 5:22, 33.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Carolyn Mahaney • <i>The Fruit of Her Hands</i> by Nancy Wilson • <i>As Unto the Lord</i> by Pam Forster 	

- c. To bear and nurture children (RM p.48) – 1 Timothy 2:15; 1 Thessalonians 2:7; Titus 2:4.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Carolyn Mahaney • <i>Praise Her in the Gates</i> by Nancy Wilson 	

- d. To be industrious in the home, keeping it well supplied with food and clothing (RM p.49-50) – Titus 2:3-5; Proverbs 31:14-21.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Carolyn Mahaney • <i>Praise Her in the Gates</i> by Nancy Wilson 	

e. To meet her husband’s sexual needs (RM p.50) – 1 Corinthians 7:2-5; Song of Solomon 2:3-7.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Carolyn Mahaney • <i>The Fruit of Her Hands</i> by Nancy Wilson • <i>Song of Solomon</i> by Tom Nelson (DVD) 	

f. To avoid nagging or arguing (RM p.50) – Proverbs 19:13; 27:15-16; 31:26.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Carolyn Mahaney • <i>The Fruit of Her Hands</i> by Nancy Wilson 	

g. To be a disciple of her husband (RM p.51) – 1 Corinthians 14:34-35.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Carolyn Mahaney • <i>The Fruit of Her Hands</i> by Nancy Wilson 	

h. To work hard at charitable works (RM p.51) – 1 Timothy 5:9-10; Proverbs 31:20.

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feminine Appeal</i> by Carolyn Mahaney • <i>The True Woman</i> by Susan Hunt 	

3. What are the specific duties of parents?

a. Love – Among the first duty of fathers/parents is to love their children (Titus 2:3-5).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Duties of Parents</i> by J.C. Ryle • <i>Withhold Not Correction</i> by Bruce Ray • <i>Gospel-Powered Parenting</i> by William Farley • <i>Getting to the Heart of Parenting</i> by Paul Tripp (DVD) • <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp 	

b. Be an example – Demonstrate godliness for your kids (Ephesians 6:4).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Standing on the Promise</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>Gospel-Powered Parenting</i> by William Farley • <i>Getting to the Heart of Parenting</i> by Paul Tripp (DVD) • <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp 	

c. Training – Kids, by nature, desire evil (Proverbs 22:15; 29:15). They need to be trained for righteousness.

i. Train to obey (Luke 2:51; Ephesians 6:1; 2 Timothy 3:2; 1 Timothy 3:4, 12; Titus 1:6).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gospel-Powered Parenting</i> by William Farley • <i>Getting to the Heart of Parenting</i> by Paul Tripp (DVD) • <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp • <i>Instructing a Child's Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp • <i>Age of Opportunity</i> by Paul Tripp 	

ii. Training in the Bible (Psalm 138:2; Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 19:18; Proverbs 22:15; Proverbs 23:13-14; Proverbs 24:15,17).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers</i> by Joey Allen • <i>The Big Picture Story Bible</i> by David R. Helm • <i>Instructing a Child's Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp • <i>Age of Opportunity</i> by Paul Tripp 	

iii. Training on the gospel (Ephesians 2:1-10).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gospel-Powered Parenting</i> by William Farley • <i>Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers</i> by Joey Allen • <i>Children Desiring God Booklet</i> • <i>Everyday Talk</i> by John Younts • <i>The Gospel for Children</i> by Pastor Dave 	

iv. Training on sanctification (Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gospel-Powered Parenting</i> by William Farley • <i>Everyday Talk</i> by John Younts • <i>Shepherding a Child's Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp • <i>Instructing a Child's Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp • <i>Age of Opportunity</i> by Paul Tripp 	

v. Training for life (Proverbs).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Proverbs</i> • <i>Future Men</i> by Douglas Wilson • <i>Dangerous Book for Boys</i> by Conn Iggulden • <i>Future Men/Women</i> by Grace Church 	

vi. Training on the pitfalls of this world (Proverbs).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Proverbs</i> 	

- d. Discipline – When kid’s hearts produce bad behavior we must discipline them in love in order that their hearts would become more Christ-like resulting in more Christ-like behavior (Proverbs 3:11-12; 13:24; 29:15).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Withhold Not Correction</i> by Bruce Ray • <i>Gospel-Powered Parenting</i> by William Farley • <i>Getting to the Heart of Parenting</i> by Paul Tripp (DVD) • <i>Shepherding a Child’s Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp 	

- e. To do all this without exasperating their kids – parents (especially fathers) must not engage their children in a way that causes unnecessary or prolonged frustration or anger (Colossians 3:21; Ephesians 6:4).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gospel-Powered Parenting</i> by William Farley • <i>Getting to the Heart of Parenting</i> by Paul Tripp (DVD) • <i>Shepherding a Child’s Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp • <i>Withhold Not Correction</i> by Bruce Ray • <i>Loving the Little Years</i> by Rachel Jankovic 	

4. What are the specific duties of kids?

- a. Honor parents (Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; Matthew 15:4; Ephesians 6:2-3).

Recommended Resources	Our Game Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shepherding a Child’s Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp • <i>Withhold Not Correction</i> by Bruce Ray • <i>Family Driven Faith</i> by Voddie Baucham 	

- b. Obey parents (1 Timothy 3:4; Titus 1:6; Mark 13:12; 2 Timothy 3:1-2; Colossians 3:20-21; Ephesians 6:1-3).

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shepherding a Child’s Heart</i> by Tedd Tripp • <i>Withhold Not Correction</i> by Bruce Ray • <i>Family Driven Faith</i> by Voddie Baucham 	

A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF BIBLICAL FAMILIES

CHARACTERISTICS OF A BIBLICAL FAMILY

1. Family is not simply a good idea. Family is a God idea (Genesis 1-3).
2. Godly families start with godly marriages. Godly marriages start with godly men (Eph. 5:22-33).
3. God designed the family so that husbands and wives would both compliment and complement one another (Ephesians 5:22-33).
4. God's primary objective for your family is not your happiness, but your holiness (Eph. 5:22-33).
5. Our family is precious to God, when our God is more precious than family (Luke 14:26, Mark 1:16-20, Matthew 10:34-36, Mark 3:31-35).
6. The church is not the primary means of discipleship, the home is (Deut. 6:4-9, Eph. 6:1-4).
7. "Honor thy father and thy mother" is a biblical prescription for little kids and big kids (Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-2).
8. The primary relationships in the family is not parent-child, it is husband-wife (Genesis 1-3, Ephesians 5:22-33).
9. Biblical parenting does not emphasize discipline at the expense of emphasizing discipleship (Ephesians 5:22-6:4).
10. Don't aim at being a good family. Don't aim at being a great family. Aim at being a gospel family.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A BIBLICAL MARRIAGE

1. Marriage is permanent (Matthew 19:6). Marriage is permanent since it was established by God.
2. Marriage is sacred (Genesis 2:22). Marriage is a relationship before and under God. It is not merely an agreement between two willing individuals.
3. Marriage is intimate (Genesis 2:23-25). Marriage is the most intimate of all human relationships.
4. Marriage is mutual (Ephesians 5:25-30). Marriage is a relationship of free self-giving of one human being to another.
5. Marriage is exclusive (Genesis 2:22-25; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5). No other human relationship must interfere with the marriage commitment between a husband and a wife.
6. Marriage is evangelical (Ephesians 5:22-33). I added this one to highlight the simple fact that biblical marriages are always speaking of and based on the gospel.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GODLY PERSON

1. A worshiper/lover of God - One who is satisfied in God alone (Matthew 22:37-39).
2. A debtor/lover of people – One who desires others to be satisfied in God alone (Matthew 22:39).
3. One who sees God and His Word rightly - Understanding God rightly means knowing Him as He truly is and not as we (or others) have made Him to be (2 Timothy 3:16).
4. Godly character – One who is becoming like Christ in his or her character (Matthew 5:48).
5. Part of the Body of Christ – One who recognizes his or her role as a believer in the body of Christ (Romans 12:4-5).
6. Recognizes dependence on God – One who lives based on the knowledge that he or she relies on God for everything (John 15:5).
7. Suffering servant – One who recognizes Jesus call to serve and suffer (Matt. 20:25-28, John 15).

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GODLY MAN

1. Glory-bearer - Men are the glory of God (1 Corinthians 11:7).
2. Lord - Man was created to exercise dominion in the earth (Genesis 1:26-28).
3. Husbandman - Man was created, not only to discover and conquer new worlds, but also to make those worlds flourish (Genesis 2:15).
4. Savior - Men also have a deep desire to deliver or save. The great example of a savior is, of course, the Lord Jesus Christ (Genesis 3:14-15).
5. Sage - The sage is a man who is great in wisdom. Wisdom is personified in Scripture (Prov. 1-9).

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GODLY WOMAN

1. Glory-Bearer – Women were created in the image of God (Gen 1:26-28) and are called to reflect His greatness and splendor (Psalm 144:12).
2. Helper – Women were created to be helpers (Genesis 2:18). They have a God-given desire to support, serve, and befriend (Proverbs 31:20).
3. Life-Giver – Women are life-givers (Genesis 3:20).
4. Lady – Women are called to adorn themselves with the imperishable beauty which is found in devotion to Christ (1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:9-10).
5. Manager – Women should consider home as the center of ministry and be devoted to the well-being of their household (Proverbs 31).

DUTIES OF HUSBANDS

1. To lead his family (Genesis 2:18, 20; 1 Corinthians 11:9; Ephesians 5:23).
2. To love his wife (Ephesians 5:25).
3. To be a living picture of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:1).
4. To be a husbandman to his wife (Ephesians 5:25, 29).
5. To be jealous for his wife (2 Corinthians 11:2; Exodus 34:14).
6. To meet his wife's sexual needs (1 Corinthians 7:3-4).
7. To be content with his wife (Proverbs 5:15-23; Matthew 5:28; Exodus 20:17).
8. To supply his wife/family with the things that they need to survive (1 Timothy 5:8; Exodus 21:10-11).

DUTIES OF WIVES

1. To help her husband (Genesis 2:18).
2. To respect her husband (Ephesians 5:22, 33).
3. To bear and nurture children (1 Timothy 2:15; 1 Thessalonians 2:7; Titus 2:4).
4. To be industrious in the home, keeping it well supplied with food and clothing (Titus 2:3-5; Prov. 31:14-21).
5. To meet her husband's sexual needs (1 Corinthians 7:2-5; Song of Solomon 2:3-7).
6. To avoid nagging or arguing (Proverbs 19:13; 27:15-16; 31:26).
7. To be a disciple of her husband (1 Corinthians 14:34-35).
8. To work hard at charitable works (1 Timothy 5:9-10; Proverbs 31:20).

DUTIES OF PARENTS

1. Love – Among the first duty of fathers/parents is to love their children (Titus 2:3-5).
2. Be an example – Demonstrate godliness for your kids (Ephesians 6:4).
3. Training – Kids, by nature, desire evil (Proverbs 22:15; 29:15). They need to be trained for righteousness.
 - f. Train to obey (Luke 2:51; Ephesians 6:1; 2 Timothy 3:2; 1 Timothy 3:4, 12; Titus 1:6).
 - g. Training in the Bible (Psalm 138:2; Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 19:18; Proverbs 22:15; Proverbs 23:13-14; Proverbs 24:15,17).
 - h. Training on the gospel (Ephesians 2:1-10).

- i. Training on sanctification (Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:4-9).
 - j. Training for life (Proverbs).
 - k. Training on the pitfalls of this world (Proverbs).
4. Discipline – When kid’s hearts produce bad behavior we must discipline them in love in order that their hearts would become more Christ-like resulting in more Christ-like behavior (Proverbs 3:11-12; 13:24; 29:15).
 5. To do all this without exasperating their kids – parents (especially fathers) must not engage their children in a way that causes unnecessary or prolonged frustration or anger (Colossians 3:21; Ephesians 6:4).

DUTIES OF KIDS

1. Honor parents (Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; Matthew 15:4; Ephesians 6:2-3).
2. Obey parents (1 Timothy 3:4; Titus 1:6; Mark 13:12; 2 Timothy 3:1-2; Colossians 3:20-21; Ephesians 6:1-3).

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The Nice-Guy Syndrome

Many husbands can readily see that they abdicate in a way they should not, but they do not know precisely what to do. The first thing to do is confess the general problem to God as sin. God has established a certain form of government in the family, and we have no authority to alter or modify what He has done. Whether the alteration was done deliberately out of rebellion, or simply out of weakness, does not matter. It must be confessed if it does not conform to the pattern God established.

The second thing is to identify specific areas of abdication. When they are identified, they must be confessed as sin as well. Some specific examples are given below, but they are just examples. By no means should this list be considered exhaustive.

- *When the wife asks for counsel:* There are many occasions when a wife is feeling distressed about some difficulty, and she comes to her husband and says, “What should I do?” An abdicating husband will tell her that he does not care and that she can do whatever she wants to do. But when a wife seeks counsel from her husband, *she should always receive counsel*. When she comes to her husband and asks for a decision, he should always *make* a decision.

When a woman has come to my wife for counsel and advice, one of the things my wife commonly asks is whether or not her husband knows and approves of her seeking this counsel. And when they are talking about whatever her concern happens to be, my wife will frequently ask what her husband says about this. She has regularly heard things like, “He told me the decision was up to me.” And this sort of abdication is not limited to trivial things—it has included life changing questions, such as the use of birth control.

- *I tried that once:* Husbands who abdicate may defend themselves this way: “My wife did this once. She came to me for a decision, and I did make a decision. But then she resisted the decision. I concluded that she did not really want my decision so I let it go.” This is an easy mistake to make, but it is a mistake nonetheless. The wife in this situation does not need him to make a decision; she needs him to make a *firm decision*.

Many times wives want their husbands to assume leadership in the home. So they ask for a decision, and the husband makes a decision. But then the wife wonders to herself whether this is a decision that the husband *really* is committed to, or whether he made it just to get her to be quiet about it. And so she resists the decision. This is not because she rejects his leadership, but rather because she wants to ensure that he is exercising *real leadership*. If he then caves in, it is clear to her that he did not really make a decision at all.

- *I told you so:* Suppose a decision has to be made, and the husband and wife hold different opinions. After discussion, the husband abdicates, and they do what the wife wanted to do. Suppose further that everything goes wrong as a consequence. The husband’s abdication can be seen in his response to the disaster. If he says (or even thinks), “Look what doing it ‘your way’ did,” then it shows he has abdicated leadership.

Now a godly husband may decide, after taking his wife’s concerns into account, to do things “her way.” But in a godly home, as soon as he does this, *it becomes his decision*. He is entirely responsible for it. Once the decision is made, it is his decision. If his wife tries to blame herself for how it all turned out, he should restrain her. “No, dear. This is all my doing.” It may have been her idea in the discussion, but in a biblical home, it was his idea to *do* it.

- *Doing his own thing*: Some abdicating husbands may think they are being decisive when they go off and do something without consulting with their wives at all. “You bought *what?*” This sort of thing is a far cry from biblical leadership; if he thinks something is right to do, a godly husband does not shy away from discussing it with his wife *before he does it*. When a husband acts without consulting his wife, it is commonly because he recognizes that she has practical veto power in the home. Because this particular thing is something he really wants to do, he does it without letting her know beforehand. This is not leadership; it is self-centered abdication.

How can a man break out of this pattern? We have already stated the importance of confessing the problem *as sin*. So long as the problem is attributed to nothing more than personality differences or sloughed off on different cultural backgrounds between husband and wife, the problem will remain. But a man who has not been the head of his home must confess his abdication as sin—he must treat it the same way he would treat theft, or adultery. It is disobedience.

Having confessed all known sin associated with the problem, the next step is to analyze and pray over the problem. A concerned husband should make a list with two categories.

The first category should contain a list of all the areas where things happen in the home *contrary* to the husband’s expressed desires. For example, suppose he has said, on a number of occasions, that he thinks that the kids should not watch television on school nights. They watch television anyway, so he should put that on the list. If he thinks his wife should not ask her father for so much advice, but she persists, then he should put that on the list. He is listing those areas where his decisions are disregarded.

The second category should be a list of those areas where behavior in the home goes on because of the *absence* of leadership on his part. Suppose the wife sets the discipline standards for the kids. But suppose that she does so against her wishes—she has repeatedly asked him for guidance, and he has only said, “I don’t know. You seem to be doing fine.” Suppose she has asked for time in the Word together, but he never seems to get around to it. He should put that on the list.

As he puts this list together, he should be thorough. The first category will contain those areas of family life where his headship is ignored. The second category will list all those areas where his headship was never exercised. As he thinks over his list, he should be reminded again of his need for forgiveness. He should thank God for His graciousness to sinners and rest in the fact that God has granted to us the perfect righteousness of His Son.

It is important that he not let his list become a complaint list against his wife. The point is not to get out of the sin of abdication and into the sin of bitterness and resentment. The husband is the one who abdicated, and he is now merely identifying those specific areas which need to be corrected.

When he has completed the list, he should pray over it for several days. During this time, he may find himself adding or deleting things. Taking the time to do this will prevent a hasty or ill-advised confrontation with his wife. When he feels confident that the list accurately describes the problem, he should sit down and have a talk with his wife. He will probably need to set aside several hours in order to discuss the problem with her thoroughly. If there are older children (teenagers), it may be necessary to sit down with them in a similar sort of way.

He should tell his wife that he has confessed his sin of abdication to God, and that he wants to ask her forgiveness as well. *He must not attack or blame her*. His demeanor should be one of humility. He has wronged her and is now making restitution. If she has sinned in this (as she probably has), he is not yet qualified to serve as one who corrects (Gal. 6:1).

They should go over the list together. The most important part is the category where decisions or attempts at leadership were ignored, and the husband did not do anything about it. He should ask for her forgiveness and for her help as he seeks to confront the sin. When they are done, they should pray together.

After doing this, the chances are good that both husband and wife will both feel a lot better. But the problem is not yet resolved. Sometime within the next week, the husband should pick one of the relatively minor areas on the list where there has been a problem. He should make a decision in this problem area. If the old pattern of disregarding him begins to manifest itself, he should draw his wife aside and remind her that he does not want to fall into his old habit of abdication. Regardless of what happens, he must not change his decision. If his wife gets upset, he must not back off. If she explains that *this* situation is different “because ...” he must not back off. This is crucial.

Obviously, he should spend enough time in preparation and prayer over this decision to ensure that he does not make a decision that is foolish or self-centered. But even if his choice was not the best one he could have made, the issue is not the issue. What is at stake is a recovery of godly leadership in the home.

The reason he should start with a relatively minor issue is simple. If one were to begin lifting weights, he would not begin by putting all the weights in the weight room on the bar. If one were to begin jogging, he does not start by running ten miles. This sort of thing guarantees failure and discourages future attempts. It is the same with this. The husband is simply breaking a bad habit. This will be difficult enough without all the additional complications that come with a big decision. Consequently, he should start with the issue of what restaurant to visit that evening, and not whether to sell the house and move to the Yukon.

And when he has successfully made one decision stick, *he must make another one*. He is learning how to walk in leadership, and he will soon discover it is like all forms of walking—one foot at a time.

***Are You Sure You Want a Husband Who....?* by Dan Phillips**

...leads?

I was a young(er), inexperienced pastor, and befriended two church members. Both were long-timers, very active, seemed like good folks.

As I got to know them better, I got the message very clearly from "Suzy": she was really frustrated with "Bill," because Bill just wouldn't lead. Suzy made this known in many ways, over and over. Bill was not leading, Suzy really wanted him to, she was really bitter and angry and frustrated over it.

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Well I was youngish and green, and my dutiful goal was clear to me: I needed to work with Bill, help him become a leader in that marriage. So I spent time with Bill, worked with him, made suggestions. Bill was initially a bit leery but not unwilling. In fact, he became very cooperative.

The result? Bill became an effective leader, Suzy was radiantly happy, both praised and honored God, both loved me, and they remain dear friends to this day.

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That sound you just heard, in that pause? It was 97% of the pastors reading this, laughing bitterly and saying "Riiiiight!"

Those pastors can tell you what really came next. Suzy *was not* happy with Bill or with me, and *both* ended up hating me. Why? I'm sure many of you will assume I did things wrong, and I won't disagree with you. But the bottom-line was that Suzy *did not* want a leader for a husband, and Bill's reticence was a form of self-protection forged from that conflict.

Bill's shortcomings gave Suzy what she really wanted. She really wanted something to complain about in her husband. She wanted a tale to tell on him in gatherings. She wanted something to bring her sympathy and commiseration, to make her look martyred and longsuffering. It fed into her self-image. And she wanted to stay in charge.

Take away from that, and she lost something dear to her. See, everyone does what (s)he does because (s)he believes it will bring happiness. So this poor woman was batting away what *she needed* by the very things she did in pursuit of what she *wanted*. And I was sap enough to come between her and it, in kind of a Proverbs 26:17 no-win situation.

Ladies, does any of that strike any chord within you, any "ouchy" chord? Look, it's just you and me, nobody's watching. You can be candid. You grouse about your poor schlub of a husband who doesn't initiate this and doesn't pursue that and doesn't decide for himself and do the other thing. Maybe your pastor and girlfriends know how frustrated you are. Maybe your pastor knows. Worst of all, maybe your *children* even know.

Let me ask you just *two* questions, as I've asked many more elsewhere.

First question: have you possibly contributed to his abdication?

Note the careful wording. Every man's sin is his own, as is every woman's. But God gave you to him to *help* him (Genesis 1:26); so you do have a crucial, God-given role in his life. He needs this from you. Are you giving it?

Proverbs 14:1 says, "Feminine wisdom builds her house, but feminine denseness tears it down with her own hands" (my translation). I've often thought "hands" could also be "tongue." God has given you a very powerful *tongue*, which you can use for good, to make him feel like a king (Proverbs 12:4a), or for evil, to eat out the very bones from within him (Proverbs 12:4b). But if you're wise, you will commit yourself to *do your husband nothing but good, ever*, whether with hands or tongue (Proverbs 31:11-12).

So *how does he feel* about leading you? Does his heart sing at the prospect? Or does he wince and cringe and groan, because he knows *every* decision will be faulted, criticized, found wanting, and countered; *every* mistake will noted, analyzed, and commented on; and *every* success will be minimized or credited elsewhere? Were I to ask your husband who his most loyal admirer and supporter was, would your name leap to his smiling lips? Should it?

Your husband listens to you better than you think he does, very possibly better than you listen to yourself. He hears you. What you say has an impact. If he's off in a corner somewhere rolled up into a ball, it may say all sorts of horrible things about him. But I'm not talking to him right now. I'm talking to you. And I'm asking you — have you played any part in that?

Second question: do you really want him to become a leader?

You see, the thing about a leader is he *leads*. That doesn't mean that he always demands his way, untouched by others' input. That's a *fool*, not a leader (Proverbs 12:15; 13:10; 15:22; 20:18). But it does mean that he will lead, that he will make the final decision. And it means that you must follow, and that not in a formal, outward, dotted-i-but-resentful-hearted way; you should follow respectfully and from the heart. At least, that's what God says (Ephesians 5:22f.; 1 Peter 3:1-6 [remember this post?]).

Now it is possible that you'd have 40, 50, 75 years of married bliss in which every notion your husband has just happens to be exactly what you'd have thought of yourself. Meanwhile, here on Planet Earth, odds are in the other direction. And what do you do in that case? Undergird, or undermine? Embrace or embitter?

Another thing is you may have to doff the martyr-cap, stop blaming your unhappiness on your husband, and deal seriously with the Lord. Maybe you have issues with being a woman, as God defines femininity. Lot of that going around, and sadly it has a lot of "cover" from the spirit of the age and creampuff "evangelicals." But anytime we think we have a better idea than God, we're back in Eden doing the Eve-thing that (after her husband's compliance) got us into this mess in the first place.

Remember, too: "leading" does not mean "doing what you want him to do without your having to tell him."

If any of this hits anywhere near where you live, sister, you need to do some serious work. It's important, it matters. You need to *start with the premise* that God's "dumbest" idea about womanhood is light-years better than your "brightest" idea. You need to start there, and work it out. Yourself, before God. *You* take up *your* cross, to die to *your* personal ideas of femininity in order that you might rise to *God's* ideas of femininity. That isn't your pastor's job or your husband's job. It's your job.

Otherwise, you really truly need to revisit the whole core of what it means to be a Christian. I am not saying you aren't a Christian; I am suggesting that maybe you have forgotten for a moment what it means, in practical terms, to be a Christian.

Much more could be said, but maybe this is enough to think over, for one short post in a blog.

But in parting I will try to sum it all up in one final pointed question: *are you the sort of wife you would want to lead, if you were in your husband's shoes?*

THE GOSPEL FOR CHILDREN

GOD IS GREATER THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE

Psalm 145:7-9 Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! His greatness is beyond discovery! ⁸ The LORD is kind and merciful, slow to get angry, full of unfailing love. ⁹ The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.

God's greatness is called His glory and God's glory never ends! No matter how hard you try you can't even imagine how great God is. God is always good and fair and kind and loving and holy and strong and with us. There is no one and nothing else like God in the entire universe.

GOD CREATED YOU TO LOVE AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER.

Romans 11:36 For everything comes from [God]; everything exists by his power and is intended for his glory. To him be glory evermore. Amen.

God planned you and made you to love and enjoy His glory and greatness. You were not made for parents or toys or vacations or presents or candy. You were made for God. God created you to know how great He is and to love and enjoy Him forever.

NO ONE LOVES AND ENJOYS GOD RIGHTLY.

Romans 3:10-12; 23 "No one is good—not even one. ¹¹ No one has real understanding; no one is seeking God. ¹² All have turned away from God; all have gone wrong. No one does good, not even one." ²³ For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard.

We do not love and enjoy God the way that we should. Instead, you and I love other things more than God and we enjoy things that God has told us not to. When we love and enjoy bad things or things more than God, the Bible calls it sin. We have all sinned.

BECAUSE WE DO NOT LOVE AND ENJOY GOD RIGHTLY WE DESERVE TO BE PUNISHED.

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death

When we sin and do not do what is right we deserve to be punished. We have not loved and enjoyed God rightly. Therefore, we deserve to be punished. The Bible says that the punishment that we deserve is death. The place where we are punished for our sins is called hell.

BECAUSE GOD IS LOVING AND FAIR AND GREAT HE PUNISHED HIS OWN SON, JESUS, FOR OUR SINS.

1 John 4:9-10 God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰ This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Because God loves you, He wants to forgive you of your sins. Because God is fair, though, your sins must be punished. But because God is great He is able to be both fair and forgiving. God punished His own Son, Jesus, on the cross for our sins so that we do not have to die.

YOU CAN BE FORGIVEN OF YOUR SINS BY TRUSTING IN JESUS.

Romans 3:22 We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.

You can be forgiven of your sins and made able to love and enjoy God forever by trusting in Jesus. Trusting in Jesus means believing that He died for your sins, turning away from your sins, obeying His commands, and loving Him more than anything. Being able to trust in Jesus is a gift from God.

Blueprint for Biblical Families Evaluation

March 4th and 5th, 2011

Name: _____

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Over all, what did you think of the event?

What aspect(s) of the event did you find most helpful?

What aspect(s) of the event could we improve upon?

Are there any specific areas in which we might be able to serve you as a parent (prayer, training, advice, etc.)?

What topics would you like to see covered in future seminars? _____

Please rate the following:

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Food:	worst	1	2	3	4	5	best
Childcare:	worst	1	2	3	4	5	best
Content:	worst	1	2	3	4	5	best
Helpfulness:	worst	1	2	3	4	5	best