

Lesson 1 - It's a Matter of Identity

Four Identity Principles

1. Fathers establish identity.
 1. Intentionally by what they do.
 2. Unintentionally by what they don't do.
 3. Get to know a man as a son of his father and you'll understand the man.
2. Identity has to do with power.
 1. To whom do you look for power, happiness, and success? Who is your god?
 2. Whoever offers the most hope has the heart and the power to influence.
3. Identity has to do with connection.
 1. When we think someone offers us hope, we try to connect with them or belong to them.
 2. We try to connect by revealing ourselves to them and our getting them to reciprocate.
4. Identity has to do with imitation.
 1. To identify or connect with a person or group, we must become like them, so we will imitate them.
 2. Ps. 115:8 "Those who make them (idols) will become like them, everyone who trust in them."

Discussion and application

1. Who did you try to connect with in your younger years and why? What hope did they offer that attracted you? What did you do to connect with them?
2. Who are you imitating now? Why?
3. Discuss how these four examples explain politics and politicians.
4. Name some men of the NT who had a reputation for being identified with Christ? Why did they?
5. What happened to those men that changed them?
6. Share about when you had a revelation from God that brought you to Jesus Christ. What was revealed?
7. Share the identity principle that means the most to you and why.

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Lesson 2 - The Power of Integrity

1. Definition of integrity
 1. Adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character, honesty 2) The state of being whole, entire, or undiminished. 3) A sound, unimpaired, or perfect condition.
 2. Having the same identity in every place and with everyone as you do before God. So integrity is having the same father, power source, connections, words, and actions in every aspect of your life.
2. The power of integrity is having one identity.
 1. No integrity is having more than one identity. Many people develop multiple identities - private, home, school, girl, gang, church, work.
 2. Integrity is having one identity before God, at home, work, school, church, girl. etc.
 3. Who are you?
3. The Man of integrity - Jesus Christ
 1. His father established his identity. Matt. 16:15-16; John 14:10-11
 2. His power source is the living God. 1 Cor. 1:24, Acts 10:38; Rom. 1:4
 3. He is connected to the living God. 1 Cor. 3:23; John 10:30
 4. He is the exact image of God. Heb. 1:2-3, John 1:14, Heb. 13:8
4. Who is a man of integrity? A Son of God.
 1. He is a son of God. 1 John 3:1
 2. His power source is the living God. Rom. 15:13, Eph. 3:16
 3. He is connected to the living God. 1 Cor. 3:23; Gal. 2:20
 4. He is being transformed into the image of God. 1 Cor. 3:18; 1 Jo. 3:2-3
5. Establish identity and integrity.
 1. God has given you to me.
 2. I'll give you what my heavenly Father gives me to give you.
 3. You'll be prepared for life.
 4. I'll walk beside you.
 5. We will walk through life together as men for the glory of God.

Are you true - without hypocrisy?

Do you have more than one identity? A man of integrity has the same identity in every place with everyone as he does before God.

1. Walk with God, your Father.
2. Walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.
3. Abide in Christ. This is your connection.
4. Express His life everywhere.

Discussion and application

1. How does a lack of integrity affect leadership. Share some examples.
2. What is the relationship between integrity and security?
3. How would this understanding of integrity help guide a man?
4. Make a list of steps a man can take to restore integrity.
5. Are there any past sources of identity whose actions, attitudes, or words you still represent? What will you do to establish integrity?

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Lesson 3 - God's Blueprint for the Family

God's Blueprint for the Family: Father-led, Home-based Discipleship

1. God wants to bless His people. Their offspring would fear the Lord, be established, it would go well with them, and they would multiply greatly. Deut. 6:2-5
2. The "blueprint" had two vital conditions.
 1. Fathers' hearts turned to God. Deut. 6:4-6
 1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
 2. Love God's Word by putting it on your heart. (John 14:21)
 2. Fathers' hearts turned to their children. Deut. 6:7-9
 1. Teach God's Word daily every opportunity you have.
 2. Apply God's Word daily to your actions and thoughts in your home and civil affairs.
3. God gave a warning to men: Do not forget this "blueprint" and let your hearts turn away to your *work, stuff, and your culture*. (Deut. 6:10-15) If you do, "I'll wipe you off the face of the earth."

Fathers represent a gospel reality and should expect to be attacked.

Discussion and application

1. Where were the hearts of your fathers turned? What was important to them?
2. How can the blessing of things be a distraction to a man's primary responsibilities? Discuss.
3. How important do you think it is for men/fathers to understand and live daily by this blueprint?
4. Discuss what things hinder your discipling your family and building relationships.
5. Develop a plan for reminding yourself of God's blueprint for the family.
6. What can men do to show that their hearts are turned to God?

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Lesson 4 - The Spirit of Elijah

What if God's blueprint is ignored?

1. The first three generations. Judges 2:7, 10
 1. The first generation died in the wilderness and served idols.
 2. The second generation practiced religion but ignored the blueprint.
 3. The third generation didn't know the Lord nor His works. They did not fear the Lord and did evil.
 4. Result: Sons hearts are not prepared for the Lord.
2. The nation of Israel. 2 Kings 17:6-18
 1. The men followed the customs of their culture surrounding them.
 2. The kings introduced customs of worship contrary to God's Word.
 3. Result:
 1. There was no fear of the Lord - did things secretly against the Lord.
 2. They looked to idols for prosperity in their work so they could get more stuff.
 3. God warned them through His prophets such as Malachi (Malachi 4:4-6)
 4. That generation of sons resisted the Word of God just as their fathers (identity principles).
 5. God wiped them off the face of the earth as He warned He would do.
3. The New Testament instruction to fathers.
 1. Father-led, home-based discipleship is affirmed in Eph. 6:4. If fathers ignore their responsibilities to discipline and teach their children in the Lord, they ignore the blueprint and provoke the Lord.
 2. When fathers don't have their hearts turned to the Lord and do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, they exasperate their children so that they lose heart. Col. 3:17, 21

How can a man follow God's blueprint?

1. The Old Testament history reveals that a man can't do it in his own strength.
2. God has provided what a man needs through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
3. The Spirit of Elijah is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in a family.
 1. Turns men's hearts to God.
 2. Turns men's heart to their children.
 3. Prepares children for Christ by representing the gospel realities. Luke 1:17
4. Fathers are forerunners for the Lord.

Discussion and application

1. What did you learn from Israel's history of ignoring God's blueprint?
2. Do you see signs in the church that fathers and sons are stiff-necked? What are the signs? Discuss how our generation of men in the church of the US may be similar to the nation of Israel.
3. Confess to your brothers if you have been stiff-necked toward God on any matter.
4. How do you think the next generation of sons see the men of the church? A man is...?
5. What do you now understand about the Holy Spirit's role in your life as a father?
6. Pray. Ask for the Holy Spirit. Ask what you can do to be Jesus' forerunner. Write down what comes to mind.

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Lesson 5 - Dads: God's Forerunners

Introduction

1. John the Baptist was Jesus' Forerunner. Luke 1:16-17, Luke 3:4
2. Why have a forerunner?
 1. It prepares the way.
 2. It reveals that God wants a relationship.
 3. It prepares hearts for Him.
 4. It helps His people recognize Him
3. John was great, but the least in the kingdom is greater. Matt. 11:11
 1. The know Jesus more fully and personally.
 2. Everyone is a forerunner for Jesus.
 3. Their message is greater.
 4. Their power is greater.
 5. Their hope is more sure.
4. John the Baptist is a pattern for fathers. Luke 1:16-17

You are Jesus' forerunner by example and teaching.

1. You prepare the way.
2. You reveals that God wants a relationship.
3. You prepare hearts for Him.
4. You help your children recognize Him.

What did John do that you do?

1. You walk in humility. Matt. 18:1-4
2. You be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5:18
3. You point to Jesus. Eph. 6:4; John 3:35-36
4. You preach repentance in preparation for Him. Luke 3:3; Matt. 4:7
5. You know when to get out of the way. John 3:26-31

Discussion and application

1. Discuss the importance of a father giving this message. "Son, I'm not the "big deal", but there is One coming after me who is. When Jesus Christ comes to you and unveils Himself, you'll never be the same. He'll give you the Holy Spirit and give you a fire in your heart for God and for eternal life. Until then, get ready for Him by repenting of sin before Him and doing good to others. There is forgiveness in Jesus' death and He lives to reveal Himself and give life."
2. How does repentance prepare the heart for Jesus to be received? How did it in John's day?
3. Who did God send to you as a forerunner?
4. How does a father "decrease" when Jesus Christ has given the Holy Spirit to his child? Why is this important?

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Lesson 6 - Prepare the Way of the Lord

Our confidence as we prepare the way of the Lord

1. Our confidence is that Jesus writes the story in the lives of our children. 2 Cor. 3:2-3
2. We are confident toward God through Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 3:4-5
3. We are confident in God's power directed through us toward our children. 2 Cor. 13:4 Why?
 1. God has turned our hearts to Himself. Luke 1:15-16
 2. God has turned our hearts to our children. Luke 1:17
4. We are confident in the desire and power of God to reveal Himself. 1 Cor. 2:3-5
 1. Jesus build his church as the Father reveals Jesus Christ. Matt. 16:17-18
 2. God, the Father, will teach them. John 6:44-45
 1. God teaches them through His Word - We teach them about God's mercy and grace, God's holiness and righteousness, God's justice - judgment, Man's spiritual condition - dead in sin, Man's need - forgiveness, righteousness and life. The hope of the gospel - God's love and provision in Christ and a new heaven and earth with unbroken, fellowship.
 2. God teaches them these things through experience and revelation. God's law aggravates sin. (Rom. 7:5). Sin comes alive under God's Word. (Rom. 7:9). God gives them over to sin and they give themselves over to sin. (Rom. 1:21, 24, 28; Eph. 4:19). God teaches them through their experience. (Rom. 7:23-24). God grants repentance. (Acts 11:18; 2 Cor. 7:9-10). God reveals Jesus and gives true grace - obedience. (1 Pet. 1:13).
5. Common mistakes when God is giving your children over to their sin. 1) Use warnings, punishment, shame, embarrassment and anger to get the child to manage sin. 2) Teach children to live for the approval of men rather than God. 3) Do something! Lead them in the sinner's prayer.
6. Make ready the way of the Lord. 1) Show them how God teaches about sin. 2) Teach them that when God gives them over to sin that He is showing them what He sees. 3) Encourage them to relate to God by agreeing with Him. 4) Suggest they take responsibility for their sin. 5) Encourage them to remove stumbling blocks they have put in the way. 6) Lead them to look to Jesus Christ. Meditating on the cross in His presence. 7) Teach them to wait on the Lord in hope.

Discussion and application

1. When parents react to their children's sins what are they communicating to their children about their faith in God?
2. Share about a time when God gave you over to your sin to teach you about sin, convict you, and then granted repentance.
3. What have you learned that will help you respond more biblically to your children as you prepare the way of the Lord.
4. Is there anything in your "driveway" that hinders fellowship with Jesus?

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Lesson 7 - The Calling Out of Sons - Part One

1. The heavenly Father calls out His sons (Ephesians 1:18, 2 Timothy 1:9, John 6:44-45, Matt. 16:17) so fathers ought to “call out” their sons.
2. What happens if sons aren’t called out?
 1. Sons will live for self. Eph. 2:3 They will make self-gratification a priority and have an independent spirit.
 2. Sons may have a wrong view of women. Sons may use women for self-pleasure thinking that life comes from a woman and that women do family.
 3. Sons will not be prepared for the gospel because they won’t see the significance of the call of the gospel in the Scriptures (2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; 1 Jo. 3:1; Gal. 4:6-7). Consequently they won’t see the hope of God’s calling through the gospel.
3. Fathers need to “call out” their sons.
 1. Fathers need a relationship with the Father, God.
 2. The Father, God has revealed His ministry to sons (fathers).
 3. Fathers represent the heavenly Father’s heart and ministry.
 4. Fathers have the honor of giving the Father, God, a good reputation.

Give meaning to being a son and a man.

1. You prepare them for the Father, God.
2. You can add meaning to the Scriptures.
3. You can fill them with hope.

Discussion and application

1. When you were 18, what did you think it was to be a man? Why?:
2. Discuss the significance of men in the church understanding and “calling out” sons.
3. Discuss the destructive results of the idea that women are to be used for self-satisfaction.
4. Read 1 John 3:1-3. God calls us “sons.” What is the hope of being called “sons of God?”
5. What meaning did your father give to being a father? Is there a correlation to what you think a father is and what you think about the heavenly Father?

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Lesson 8 - The Calling Out of Sons - Part Two

What is the calling out of sons?

The calling out of sons is a process whereby God uses a father to prepare his son for a relationship with Jesus by calling him out of the course of this world to a relationship with Christ. It is a process of calling your son into a relationship with you.

Insights from the life of Christ

1. The calling out of sons is a calling out from independence to relationship. Luke 2:49-50; Luke 3:21-22
2. The calling out of sons is a calling out from the course of this world to humility. Luke 2:51-52; Luke 4:1-2a
3. The calling out of sons is a calling out from selfish ambition to waiting on the Lord. Luke 4:2b-4
 1. Waiting on the Lord for the needs of the body. Luke 4:2b-4
 2. Waiting on the Lord for wealth. Luke 4:5-8
 3. Waiting on the Lord for significance. Luke 4:9-12
 4. Waiting on the Lord for power. Luke 4:13-15

Fathers represent gospel realities.

1. The heavenly Father turns His heart to His sons, fathers turn their hearts to their sons.
2. The heavenly Father draws His sons to Jesus, fathers draw their sons to Jesus.
3. The heavenly Father seals His sons with His Spirit, fathers seal their sons with hope.
4. The heavenly Father calls His sons to Himself, fathers call their sons to themselves.

Discussion & Application

1. How are you demonstrating relationship instead of independence to your children?
2. What can you do to demonstrate that you are putting off the course of this world and following the Holy Spirit?
3. Read James 3:14-16. Discuss why it is important for a son to be called out of selfish ambition to wait on the Lord. Give examples from your own life.
4. Discuss why it is so hard to wait on the Lord?
5. If a father were to call out his son as discussed his son, what would be the impact in his own life?
6. Ask your wife in what areas of your life she thinks you need to learn to wait on the Lord and why? Big suggestion: Do not defend yourself under any circumstances. Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. :-)
7. Ask your wife how it affects her when she sees you wait on the Lord and walk in relationship with Him.

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Lesson 9 - A Father and His Daughter

Introduction

1. Godly womanhood is under attack.
 1. God's calling is being ignored. A calling is an irrevocable act of God which establishes a special relationship with responsibilities, privileges, and promises that bring hope for the future.
 2. The cultural fight for equality removes distinctions.
 3. Exploitation of women degrades womanhood.
 4. Fathers who don't affirm godly womanhood hinder their daughters from embracing their calling.
2. Daughters also need to see godly womanhood affirmed.

Daughters need love. Eph. 5:25

1. The oldest daughter in your house is your wife.
2. God made women to need love. Women are threatened when they see signs of selfishness.
3. How does a father love his daughter? By giving up himself to meet her needs and pointing her to Jesus Christ as the source of life - By keeping his heart turned to God. By pointing her to Jesus Christ for everything. By leading her to find her identity in the heavenly Father through Jesus Christ.

Daughters need security. Eph. 5:25-27

1. Jesus provides security for His bride by removing what threatens her (her spots and wrinkles).
2. God made women to need security.
3. How does a father provide security (a place of safety) to his daughter? Be trustworthy, a protector, provider, and encourager.

Daughters need acceptance. Eph. 5:25-27

1. Through Jesus Christ, God provides unconditional acceptance.
2. Daughters need a relationship where they can grow in who they are as a woman.
3. How does a father provide acceptance (showing favorable reception, approval of who she is as a woman)? Enjoy your daughter as she is. Spend time with her to listen to her heart. Provide daily physical non-sexual affection.

Daughters need approval

1. Jesus cherishes his bride thus communicating that she is valuable and approved.
2. Daughters need to be cherished.
3. How does a father give approval (a demonstration of favorable regard; communicating value and worth)? Serve your wife, don't use her. Don't give attention to worldly women. Affirm and compliment your wife in the presence of your daughter.

Discussion and application

1. What did you learn in this session?
2. What comes to mind as to what to do with this message?
3. What are some ways we can serve our wives and communicate to our daughters that we value the gift God has given us in a woman?
4. What things do men do that can make daughters feel or think being a woman is inferior or unattractive?
5. Ask your wife what she would have liked her father to do that would have communicated value and love. Then ask your daughter what makes her feel special. Then do something with that information to affirm them.

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Lesson 10 - Living to Love

Living to Love is Important.

1. Jesus commanded it. John 13:33
2. Love is the greatest proof that you know God. I John 4:7-8
3. Love is the only confidence before God. I John 4:17
4. Love is the perfect unifier of the body of Christ. Col. 3:14
5. Love sanctifies us and makes us like Jesus. John 17:17

Living to Love Requires Discernment.

1. The world's kind of love - To get or to use (idolatry). Col. 3:2, 5
2. God's kind of love - To give with no expectations. John 3:16; 17:2

Living to Love Requires a New Mindset.

1. The value of a person isn't what you can get from them.
2. The value of a person is that they give you an opportunity to love as you have been loved by Jesus Christ.
3. The more useless they are to you the more valuable they are to you. They give you the opportunity to know Jesus and to love like Jesus.

Discussion and application

1. Which reason to live to love is most important to you?
2. Discuss evidences of the world's kind of love in our culture.
3. Why do you think it is important to teach your children to discern between the world's kind of love and God's kind of love?
4. What kind of mindset have you had about the value of people?
5. Devise some ways you can implant a new mindset about the value of people in yourself and your family.

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Lesson 11 - Idolatry-Free Loving

Living to Love Requires Repentance of Idolatry. Gal. 5:14; Deut. 5:7-9

1. Repent of having other gods. Deut. 5:7
2. Repent of manipulation and control. Deut. 5:8
3. Repent of living for yourself. Deut. 5:8
4. Repent of looking to anything created. Deut. 5:8
5. Repent of misplaced worship and service. Deut. 5:9
6. Repent to the Lord. Deut. 5:9

Living to Love Requires living through Jesus.

1. God sent Jesus so we might know love and live and love through Him. I John 4:9; 13
2. Everything in life comes to us from God so we might experience and express His love. I John 4:16

Two Love Principles.

1. You can only love when you are filled with God's love.
2. You can't love anyone you idolize.

Discussion and application

1. What characteristics of idolatry do you see in your relationships?
2. Discuss how living for self to get from others makes loving impossible.
3. Share about a time when you served someone in order to get something from them.
4. Make a list of what you think the top 5 idols are in people's lives in your country.
5. What thoughts are new for you in this message?
6. Pray for God to fill you with His love as you look at His love revealed at the cross.

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Lesson 12 - Restoring Relationships

Introduction

The heart is the center of their souls. (Prov. 4:23). The heart involves the mind (Prov. 23:7), the conscience (1 Jo. 3:19-20), and the spirit (Ez. 11:19).

How to detect a heart problem

1. The heart closes. 2 Cor. 6:11-13
2. The affections are restrained. 2 Cor. 6:11-13
3. Why does the heart close? 2 Cor. 7:2
 1. They've been wronged.
 2. They've been corrupted.
 3. They've been taken advantage of.

Heart Maintenance Checklist

1. Is there unbelief. Heb. 3:12-13
2. Is there unconfessed sin. Heb. 3:13
3. Has there been a wrong response to correction? 2 Cor. 6:13
4. Have they been corrupted by flesh weaknesses and actions? 2 Cor. 5:16
5. Are they influenced by the spirit of antichrist in the world? 1 John 4:3, 5-6
6. Have you refused to acknowledge your faults? Acts 24:16

A Call to Reconciliation 2 Cor. 5

1. First, reconcile with God. 2 Cor. 5:14-20
2. Second, reconcile with others. 2 Cor. 13:5

Discussion and application

1. How does this lesson help in your relationship with God?
2. How does this lesson help in your relationships with your children?
3. How does this lesson help in your relationship with your wife?
4. Did God speak anything to you about any of your relationships?
5. What will you do with this lesson?

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Lesson 13 - The Pursuit of Happiness

Introduction

1. Two self-evident truths.
 1. Everyone wants to be happy.
 2. If everyone pursues his or her own happiness, conflict is inevitable.
2. Because of the fall of man into sin we don't understand what true happiness is. Therefore we don't know the source of true happiness. Therefore we are in pursuit of power.
3. The question is: Who or what has the power to make us happy.
4. The term "spirit" means *influence*. Luke 9:55
5. There are two power sources to which we look for happiness: the spirit of antichrist and the spirit of holiness.

The spirit of antichrist

1. *Anti* means *against, opposite, or instead of*. Antichrist: Someone or something that takes the place of Christ. 1 Jo. 2:18, 4:3
2. Three power sources are antichrist.
 1. Satan - occult. (Rev. 19:12, 12:9, 12, 17, Acts 16:16, Deut. 18:10-12)
 2. Flesh - self. (Rom. 8:5-8, Phil. 2:3, Luke 9:23, Phil. 2:12-13) How can you recognize when under the influence of the flesh?
 1. Self-effort, intellect, accomplishment, and satisfaction are the power source.
 2. Focuses on self-expression and self-indulgence.
 3. Focuses on law, standards, and performance.
 4. Lives for the praise of self and others.
 5. Results in pride or guilt and ultimately spiritual and emotional death.
 3. World - people, things, experiences. (1 Jo. 4:3, 2:15-16, Eph. 2:1-2, 4:19) How can you recognize when under the influence of the world?
 1. The things of the world are sources of power, both good and bad things.
 2. Focuses on using people and things and experiences.
 3. It provides a temporary fix.
 4. Results in spiritual deadness, addiction, destruction, greater guilt, harder heart, and death.

Discussion and application

1. Discuss how a church can fall under the influence of the spirit of antichrist (flesh and the world).
2. Discuss some ways a father can bring his family under the influence of the spirit of antichrist.
3. Brainstorm some ways to teach your children about the destruction of self-gratification and self-ambition.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you are under the influence of the spirit of antichrist.
5. Read Rom. 8:6-8. In what way does this passage apply to the power source of Law?
6. Read 2 Cor. 3:4-6. What do observe about power sources in this passage?
7. Read 1 John 2:15; 4:1-6. What do you learn about spirit of antichrist?

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Lesson 14 - The Spirit of Holiness

Introduction

1. The Spirit of Holiness is the presence and power of God who fills, teaches, guides, and empowers the body of Christ daily as they pursue happiness in Jesus Christ.
2. Holiness is living in oneness with God through the power of the Spirit of Holiness.

The Spirit of Holiness

1. The Spirit of Holiness testifies that Jesus Christ is the exact representation of God in the flesh and thus the only one who is able to provide happiness. He gives us of His Spirit. I Jo. 4:2, 13
2. The only way to find true happiness is in walking in the power of the Spirit of Holiness. Rom. 8:3-4, 9, 11
3. The Spirit of Holiness brings power. I Cor. 2:4-5
4. The Spirit of Holiness reveals the things of God. I Cor. 2:12
5. The Spirit of Holiness guides us to the truth. John 16:13-14
6. The Spirit of Holiness comforts and consoles. Phil. 2:1

How can you tell if you're under the influence of the Spirit of Holiness?

1. God in Christ alone is the power source.
2. He focuses on what glorifies Jesus Christ.
3. He convicts of sin when we look to the flesh or the world for happiness.
4. He gives us love for God and others.
5. It results in life-love, righteousness, peace, joy, and hope. Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 14:17; 15:13
6. Holiness is living in oneness with God in the power of the Spirit of Holiness. I Pet. 1:15

Discussion and application

1. What insight have you gained about your own pursuit of happiness?
2. Discuss ways you can help your family members. What insight does this message give you about their pursuits?
3. How would you describe your relationship with the Holy Spirit using colors?
4. Pretend you are spirits of antichrist scheming about how to get ministers of a church to under your influence. Devise a plan.
5. Discuss what you think the impact would be if church leadership relied totally on the Spirit of Holiness to do the work in the church.

Notes

Lesson 15 - Beware the Wolf!

Appropriate sexual expression is rooted in a God-created union.

1. God created male and female to be one. Gen. 1:27-28; 2:22-24
2. Appropriate sexual expression encourages worship of the Creator which satisfies God and the couple.
3. Appropriate sexual expression has a spiritual dimension. It is an expression of worship through Spirit-led giving that satisfies God. It is Spirit-led. It expresses God's image. It expresses Christ and His bride.

Inappropriate sexual expression is rooted in a self-gratification.

1. The original sin implanted a beast, a wolf, within man that mars God's image, shames Jesus Christ, and destroys men and women. Eph. 4:17-19
2. Inappropriate sexual expression is the worship of the creature that satisfies self.
 1. The wolf: Flesh-indulgent-animalistic.
 2. The wolf: Replaces God's image-idolatrous
 3. The wolf: Despises Christ and His bride.
3. God rejects those who worship the creature rather than the Creator. 1 Cor. 6:9b-11 It is not hate, but love to tell people the practices that God despises and rejects. Their eternal destination is at stake.
4. Inappropriate sexual expression is to be forsaken. Eph. 4:22-23

Fathers must teach their sons

1. A son not called out by his father releases the wolf to roam and hunt.
 1. He thinks women are to be used to make him feel good.
 2. He will consider it natural to prey upon women.
 3. He will fear that he isn't man unless he uses women.
2. Idolatry of women gives women the power to control men.
 1. They are given the power to confer manhood.
 2. They know they are needed and worshipped.
 3. They enjoy the power, but despise and disrespect men.
 4. The world capitalizes on this struggle.

Discussion and application

1. How important is it for a man and woman to realize that their union within marriage is an expression of a spiritual reality: the worship of the image of God (male and female as one)? Is this a new thought to you?
2. Discuss what difference it would have made in your life if your father had explained the presence of the wolf as an expression of the spirit of antichrist and worship of the creature instead of God.
3. Discuss how the world capitalizes on men who have released the wolf to hunt and consume its prey.
4. What impact has the wolf in men in your country had on women?

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Lesson 16 - Sexual Purity

How to should a man relate to women?

1. There is God's way.
2. There is an evil way.

The Lord's instruction to men - God's way - Two positive guiding principles

1. Sanctification (holiness) is the first positive guiding principle.
 1. Your relating to women is about your relationship to God. It is a part of your worship in your body. (I Thess. 4:3-5)
 2. Holiness in concept is to act as one, to set ourselves apart to another, to consecrate ourselves to one person for sexually expressing our love for God and our spouse within the God-ordained institution of marriage.
2. Honor is the second positive guiding principle. (I Thess. 4:3-5) To honor: to place value upon or to give respect.
 1. Honor the Lord, your wife, your body, and your brother.
 2. We must not only teach our sons, but also our daughters. They express honor to their sisters when they refuse to dress in a way to get the attention of men.

The Lord's instruction to men - the evil way - Three negative guiding principles

1. Abstain from sexual immorality (the use of the body, the temple of God for selfish satisfaction. . I Thess. 4:3)
2. Do not allow the lust of your body (wolf) to go unchecked-this is like men who are ignorant and condemned. I Thess. 4:5, Eph. 2:2-3.
3. Do not transgress or defraud your brother by using his wife or daughter. I Thess. 4:6
4. Take note: The Lord is the avenger of sexual impurity. I Thess. 4:6

Sexual expression and purity is an act of worship.

1. Your body is God's temple. I Thess. 4:7
2. You have been called into relationship with God and He has given instruction about what offerings he detests and enjoys. I Thess. 4:7
3. You have been given the Holy Spirit and to offend the Holy Spirit is to offend God who gave Him to you. To reject sexual purity is to reject God. I Thess. 4:8

Sexual appetite is meant to...

1. Lead us to our earthly fathers for instruction.
2. Lead us to our heavenly Father for satisfaction.
3. Lead us to our wives as God's gift in marriage.

Discussion and application

1. What are some practical ways a man can treat his wife as holy to himself?
2. How do these things give insight to fathers of daughters?
3. How is God the avenger in these things when a man treats his brother's future wife as his own possession?
4. How can a brother treat his brother's wives with holiness and honor before he is married?

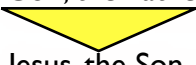
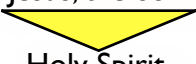
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Lesson 17 - Go With the Flow




Jurisdiction

1. Definition: The right to speak The one who has jurisdiction is the one who has both the right to speak and responsibility to give vision.
2. Who has jurisdiction?
 1. Whoever creates. Gen. 1:3, Heb. 11:3, 1 Jo. 1:1-4
 2. The one appointed by the one who creates. Heb. 1:2-3, Heb. 2:8
3. We need a spirit of wisdom and a revelation in the knowledge of God. Eph. 1:17-23
 1. What is that revelation? A revelation of the hope, riches, and power given to us.
 2. What is the basis for the hope, riches, and power toward us? God's power in Christ when God gave Him jurisdiction over everything created. Eph. 1:20-22
 3. Jesus, our head, has jurisdiction over all things, namely, creation, disease and deformities, Satan and demons, forgiveness of sins, life and death, the church-His body, and all history!



There's order in the heavens that establishes a flow of the Word of God.

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| 1. There's order in the trinity. | God, the Father

Jesus, the Son

Holy Spirit | 1 Cor. 11:3

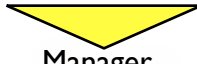


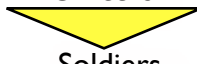
John 8:28, 17:4

John 16:13-14 | |
| 2. There's order in creation | God, the Father, Son, Holy Spirit

All creation | Rev. 4:11 | |
| 3. There's order in the family
In society there are roles with responsibilities | Adam, Husband/Father

Eve, Wife/Mother

Offspring | 1 Cor. 11:3

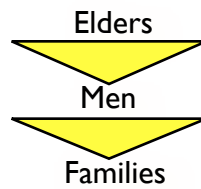
Eph. 5:22

Eph. 6:1 | In Christ there is equality |
| 4. There's order in the domain of darkness. | Satan

Demons

Proud | Is. 45:5-7

1 Sam. 16:14

1 Cor. 5:5 | Test, tempt, teach, destroy |
| 5. There's order in employment. | Owner

Manager

Worker | | Provider for the society |
| 6. There's order in government. | Head of State

Officers

Soldiers | | Protector for the society |

7. There's order in the church.



The Light for the society
I Tim. 3:4-5, 15, I Pet. 5:2-3, Titus 1:9
I Peter 5:5, I Tim. 5:17

Discussion and application

1. Discuss how jurisdiction relates to the sovereignty of God.
2. Think of some examples from the gospels where God revealed that He had given Jesus jurisdiction.
3. What did you learn from the demonstration?

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Lesson 18 - Jurisdictional Leadership

Jurisdictional leadership attitudes - Love, humility, obedience, surrender

Jurisdictional leadership dynamics - There is order, relationship, revelation, selflessness

Jurisdictional leadership principles

1. Establish jurisdictions
2. What is God's vision?
3. Listen to serve
4. Articulate the vision
5. Repeat the vision
6. Give support
7. Maintain the flow

Jurisdictional follower principles

1. Recognize jurisdiction
2. What is the vision?
3. Listen to serve
4. Clarify the vision
5. Make appeal if needed
6. Give support
7. Stay in the flow

Conflict resolution

1. Does everyone understand their jurisdictions?
2. Is someone out of jurisdiction?
3. Is the vision being articulated?
4. Is the vision in the flow of God's Word?
5. Is there di-vision?
6. Does the vision need revising?
7. What steps need to be taken to get in the flow of God's Word?

Jurisdictional leadership fruit

1. If principles followed: Love, security, peace, joy, order, efficiency, fosters initiative.
2. If principles ignored: Confusion, conflict, fear, disrespect, destruction, waste, discouragement

Discussion and application

1. If you are a leader, what attitudes do you need to ask God to help you grow in?
2. If you are a leader, what principles do you need to apply to your jurisdiction?
3. If you are a follower, what attitudes do you need to ask God to help you grow in?
4. If you are a follower, what principles do you need to apply to your jurisdiction?
5. By looking at the fruit in your family or church, are jurisdictional principles being followed or ignored? What needs to change?

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Lesson 19 - Vision Principles

Vision: An idea, heart perspective, or goal that influences every action.

Grasp the concept: Horidzo - to put a boundary around; to mark off.

1. Vision relates to the concept of *predestination*. Acts 4:27-28
2. Vision provides purpose.
 1. God's vision for Jesus-Give eternal life. Jo. 17:2-3
 2. God's vision for His people-Be like Christ. Rom. 8:28-29
3. Vision provides security. Rom. 8:29
4. Vision provides hope. I Jo. 3:2-3
5. Vision provides motivation. I Jo. 3:3
6. Vision provides direction. I Jo. 3:3
7. Vision provides unity. Phil. 1:27, 2:2

Consequences of passivity Prov. 29:18 No purpose, security, hope, motivation, direction, and di-vision.

Discussion and application

1. What did you learn about vision?
2. Share examples where a leader provided vision? What did you feel?
3. Share examples where a leader didn't provide vision? What did you feel?
4. How does knowing God's vision for you affect you?
5. Draft a vision statement for your family (in one sentence).

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Lesson 20 - Leading With Vision

How does one lead with vision?

1. Stay in the flow
 1. Is everyone clear as to who has jurisdiction-the right to give vision?
 2. Ask those you serve to draft vision for their jurisdictions and identify needs.
2. Listen to those you serve - what are their needs?
3. Identify unity.
4. Submit the vision to God's Word. Vision comes from the Lord.
 1. Wait on the Lord in hope. He wants to reveal Himself. Lam. 3:224-26
 2. Do not trust yourself. Prov. 28:26
5. Submit the vision to those you serve.
6. Make revisions if necessary.
7. Articulate and repeat the vision.

Family Vision

1. General family vision
 1. Establish jurisdictions.
 2. Draft a spiritual vision.
 3. Draft a financial vision (how you are going to spend money and make financial decisions).
 4. Draft a schedule vision (how little or how much margin are you going to live with?)
 5. Draft a household vision (policies for the home to run efficiently).
2. Personal vision - I suggest every six months.
 1. Spiritual-relationship with God. (Bible reading/memory, prayer, loving God/obedience, waiting on God/self-denial, response to preaching/teaching, books to read on these topics)
 2. Relational-loving others. (Choose two "love targets, practice self-denial, forgiveness, giving without expectation, and pray for those two people regularly)
 3. Educational-Academic goals. (Grade goals, courses, focus on weaker subjects, educational skills, ie. listening, typing, note-taking, computer, etc)
 4. Physical-Two areas of discipline. (Exercise goals, eating/drinking habits, sleeping)
 5. Character-Two character qualities to grow in. (www.characterfirst.com/assets/files/cf-definitions.pdf), Develop character projects to foster growth.
 6. Life skills-Two skills. (Leadership, car, house, finances, service)

Weekly vision - Look at calendar, schedule, conflicts?, and consider the impact on your wife's body, emotional stability, and peace with Christ (and you :-).

Conflict resolution

1. Identify di-vision.
2. Is the vision in the flow of God's Word?
3. Is the vision communicated clearly?
4. Does the vision need to be revised?
5. Where is repentance necessary to get back in the flow of God's Word? Give vision for it!

A vision lesson from history

1. Judah's prophets gave no vision from the Lord. Lam. 2:9
2. Judah's prophets gave false vision (out of the flow). Lam. 2:14
3. The word of the Lord to those leaders
 1. Examine your ways. Lam. 3:40
 2. Return to the Lord. Lam. 3:40-41
 3. There's hope in the Lord's faithfulness. Lam. 3:21-23
 4. Wait on the Lord in hope. He wants to reveal Himself. Lam. 3:24-26

Discussion and application

1. Discuss the importance of those you serve feeling “ownership” in the vision?
2. Discuss the value of submission as a leader to those you serve.
3. Share two ideas about how you could grow spiritually in the next 6 months.
4. What hinders you from leading with vision?
5. Will you die to yourself and lead with vision for the sake of Jesus Christ and those you are called to serve?
6. Pray for each other.

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