

Families and Answers

Last week we saw how God can heal nations who have been ignoring Him and His word. This week we need to consider the same truths about families. It has always amazed me that people (whether in high places or in their own homes) fail to see that following God's word can bring love, joy, peace and patience, as well as general success to those who have the courage and wisdom to follow His truths.

We live in an age in which personal behaviors have been degraded severely. These problems invariably bleed over onto families and spouses, and children are the most deeply affected victims. Yet again, God has answers, if we simply let Him speak to us through His word and we speak to Him in prayers.

There are many details, but let's focus for a moment on the overall picture. In the general epistle of I Peter 2:21-23:

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,
22 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;
23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously....

To the degree that we simply walk in Jesus' steps, in our personal lives and in our families, we can entrust ourselves to God who judges righteously. Yes, there are many details that guide that walk. As we read God's word and apply His truths in our families and in our daily lives, we build strong families and gain success over the grave challenges that face us today.

Read His word. Heed His truths. He has the answers, but they only work when we live walking in His steps.

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