

Parental Responsibility of Children

- Parents and children must have a mutual respect for one another.
- Parents must be fair in their dealings with their children not showing favoritism.

The lives of parents affect their children and future generations.

Children's responsibility to Parents

- Children are responsible to God, especially as they come to maturity.
- Children must obey or submit to their parents.
- Children must accept responsibility for their parents as they grow older.

Social Institutions

Church

- The Church is the whole body of believers of which Christ is the head.
- The Church began on the Day of Pentecost 50 days after the resurrection.
- The Church will continue on earth until Christ returns to take believers to himself.
- The Church's union with Christ is pictured by the human body and its head, the bride and groom, the temple with its cornerstone and building stones.
- The Church is the earthly dwelling place for God in this age, designed to make known God's wisdom.

In the church, all distinctions between people disappear race, sex, nationality, economic condition. .

Social Institutions

Churches-Local bodies

- The church is a body of believers banded together in one locality too carry out Christ's commands
- Churches of the New Testament included in their life and activities, praise and worship, instruction and nurture, counsel and discipline, fellowship and mutual help, observance of the ordinances, evangelism.
- Churches in the NT made their own decisions related to membership, election of officers and messengers, and activities.
- Decisions in the NT churches involved the whole church.
- NT believers met together on the first day of the week, much evangelism was done on the Jewish Sabbath.
- The leaders in local churches of the NT are variously called pastors, elders, and bishops and their qualifications are described.
- Deacons served in various capacities in the churches including provision of help to those in need.

NT churches also recognized apostles, prophets, evangelism, and teachers as God's gifts to the Church and to the churches.

Church Relationships

- The lives of those united to Christ in the
- Church should be in marked contrast to those outside of Christ.
- A church, under the headship of Christ, is independent of any outside human authority.

- Bible based churches have much in common and therefore have often joined in projects of cooperative nature.

- Churches should have a positive moral influence on the communities in which they operate.

Social Problems

Basics

- Rebelling against authority is characteristic of man and is sin.

- Major social problems are the consequence of man's refusal to recognize God's existence and authority and to give him his rightful place.

- Injustice of all kinds is condemned by God, whether among His people or others.

- People with special needs are to have special consideration

Both worship and social concern are required of godly people. Neither may be substituted for the other.

Specifics

- The safety of others is a responsibility of all.

- Drug abuse as illustrated by alcoholism is sin against God and a detriment to society.

- Kindness to animals must characterize godly people.

- Dealing with the occult should have no place in the lives of believers.

- Crime must be properly handled to insure a safe environment and fairness to all who are involved.

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Scriptural Principles Governing Social Relationships

- Love is to characterize godly people.
- Ministry to others should be an expression of love.
- The basis for consideration of others is God's kindness to us.
- Christian character is the product of the Holy Spirit's work in us.
- God is interested in both weak and mature individuals.
- Believers do not have the same understanding on every point. Each is to live as unto God and respect others.
- Loyalty to Christ will result in our being misunderstood by others.
- The sin of one person affects the lives of others. God holds us responsible for what he has given us—abilities and possessions.
- Others are likely to treat us the way we treat them God's people are meant to be a blessing even to unbelievers with the hope that they too will glorify God.

Responsibilities of Believers in Relations to Others

- Every person must accept individual responsibility. Ultimate responsibility is to God.
- People must submit to one another in order to live and work together happily.

- Each person must respect the rights and property of others. Within our limitations, we are to do good to others, and especially to other believers.

- Believers are to show a distinctive attitude toward enemies—love and concern.

- God forbids meddling in the affairs of another.

- God encourages hospitality that is not limited to close friends.

- It is right to give honor to those whose lives and work commend them.

- Believers should choose carefully those with whom they fellowship, lest they learn the ways of sin and lest they give approval to sin.

True friendship depends on a number of friendly actions.

Preventing strife and Settling Disagreements.

- God's people are responsible to avoid strife in as many ways as possible.

- A believer should correct his own life before he attempts to correct others.

- God forbids believers to go to law against other believers before a court made up of ungodly.

- Disagreements should be settled quickly and directly between the persons involved.

- When two believers cannot resolve their disagreement, they should involve witnesses; they may need to involve the church or some larger group of Christians

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Social Institutions

General Principles Related to the Family

- God originated marriage and the family to accomplish His purpose and to meet man's needs.
- Relationship to God and obedience to Him must have priority over family relationships.
- Right attitude toward God results in right family relationships.
- One godly person in a household may bring God's blessing on that home.
- When strife is continuous between family members, agreement to part company may be the only peaceful solution.

Marriage is not essential to living a godly and useful life. God has a place for singles.

Relationship of Marriage

- The marriage relationship is designed to picture the union of Christ and the church.
- The marriage relationship is to take precedence over the parent-adult child relationship.
- Marriage is meant by God to be permanent until death of a partner.
- Husbands and wives are one in God's eyes and should be in their own eyes.
- Husbands and wives are heirs together of God's grace and equal in importance and potential.

- The choice of a suitable marriage partner is a matter for prayer and concern whether for oneself or for one's children.

Family relationships are of special importance to leaders

Responsibility and privileges of marriage

- Husbands and wives should enjoy one another.
- Spouses respect one each other and consider one another's needs
- The headship of the home belongs to the husband and father
- The woman in the home is praised by God and appreciated by her husband and family and she develops godly qualities in her life.

- A man should have only one wife.

Sexual activity outside marriage is condemned by God and brings with it serious problems within the home.

God's plan for children

- Most couples will have children
- Children are a gift from God and therefore to be appreciated.
- Children are sources of great joy and grief to parents and grandparents.
- Children are important to God.

It is possible to rear children for God, even in a sinful day.

- God holds parents responsible for their children—to teach them, to provide for them, to control and correct them.