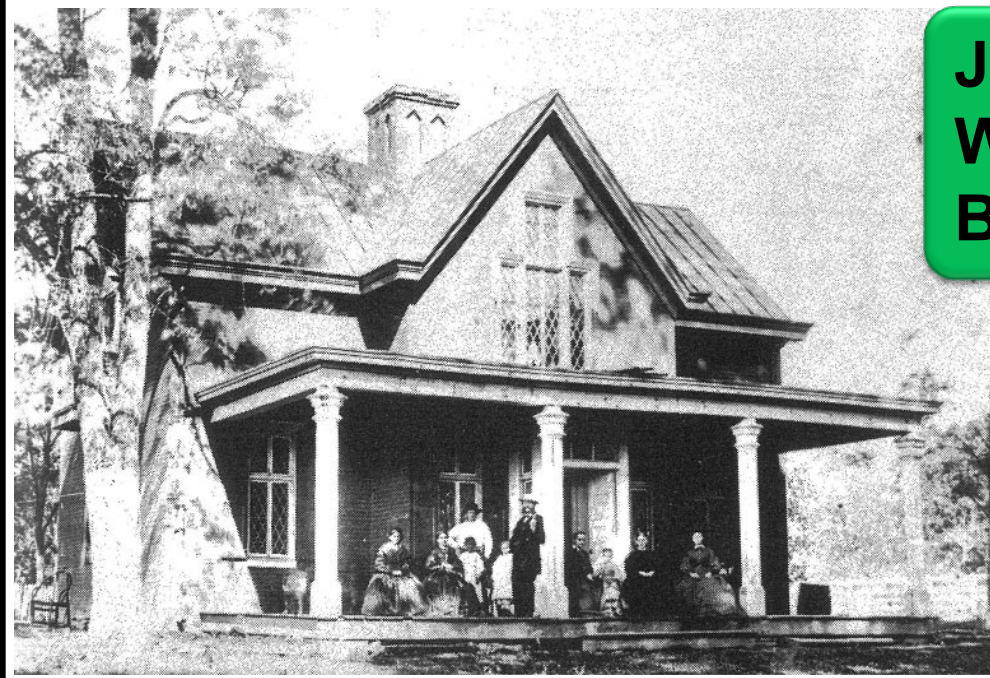


**What kind of homes
do our children need?**

**Which
type of
home
would
produce
a better
child?**



**John
Wilkes
Booth**



**President
Abraham
Lincoln**

**The crying need
in our culture is not better
houses...**

it's better homes.



- “Let marriage be had in honor among all and let the bed be undefiled, for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” **Heb.13:4**

important for the children, the family, society, and the kingdom

“disposable-marriage” in a disposable culture

- *“I think God wants me to be happy”*
- *“I thought things would be different”*
 - *“I want to do what I want to do”*
- *“It’s not good for the kids to see us
unhappy”*
 - *“I’m not in love anymore”*
 - **Luke 16.18; Mark 10; Matt. 19**
 - **Malachi 2:13-16**
- **Statistics & NM Judge’s article on divorce**

Heb. 13:4

“ Let marriage be had in honor”



Gen. 2:24



*not just...
“we go to
church”*

Deut. 6:4-8

Eph. 6:4

Josh. 24:15



PRIORITIES

**How easy it is to overvalue
that which is worth less,
&
undervalue that which
is worth more**

**Luke
12.13-21**

**Matt.
16-26**

Proverbs
15:16-17
&
17:1



2 Ptr. 3

“seeing that all these things shall be dissolved...”

1 Tim.
6:6-10

**the relative importance of
temporary threats & eternal
threats**

**cf. Mt.
10:28**

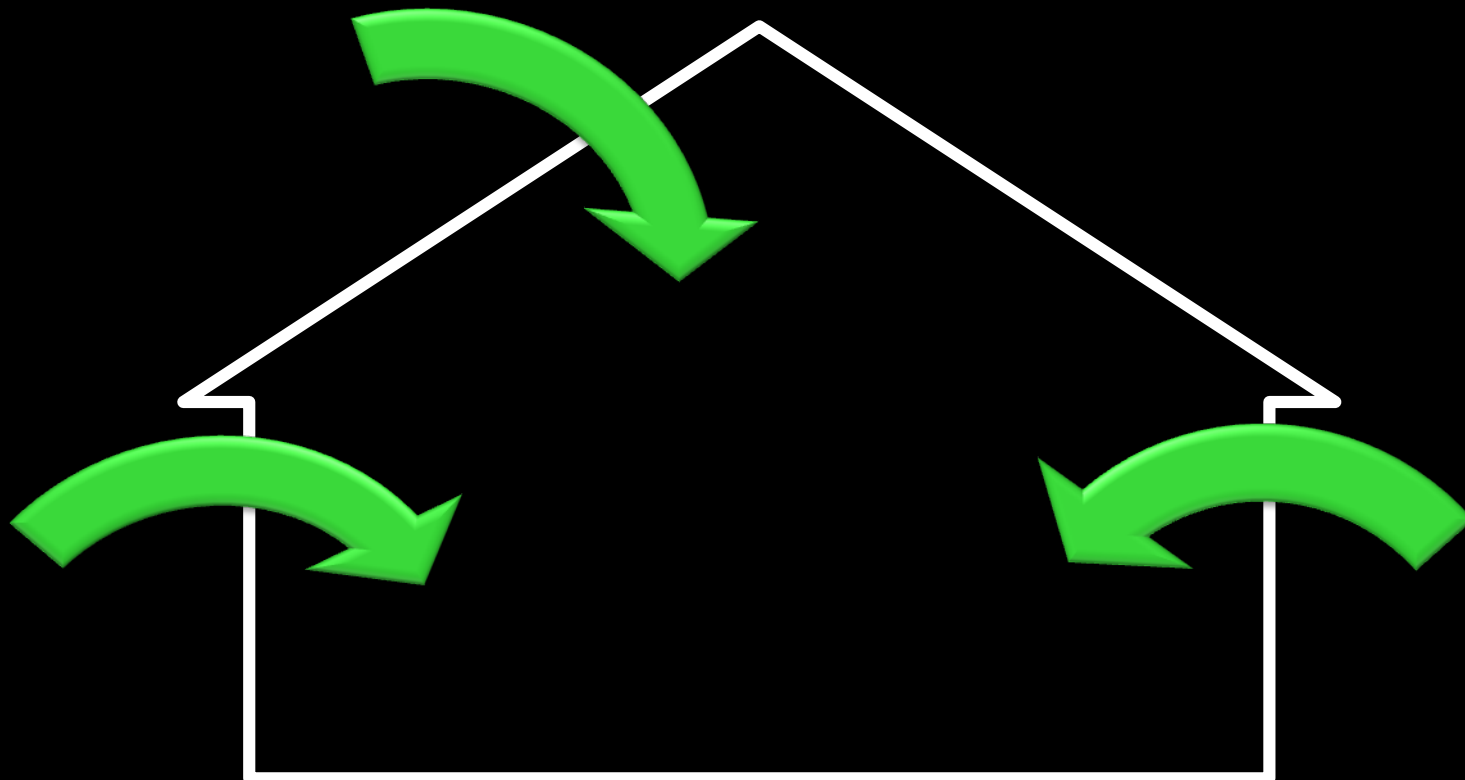
What would I do ...?



What would I do ...?

- **If I found our well was toxic?**
- **If I found the city water lines were poisoned?**
- **If I found a gas line was leaking?**
- **If I found your children eating out of the neighbors' trash?**

on a spiritual & moral level...



...am I letting toxic filth infiltrate my home?

The Homes We Need

- Built with the Lord

Ps. 127:1

- Built on the word

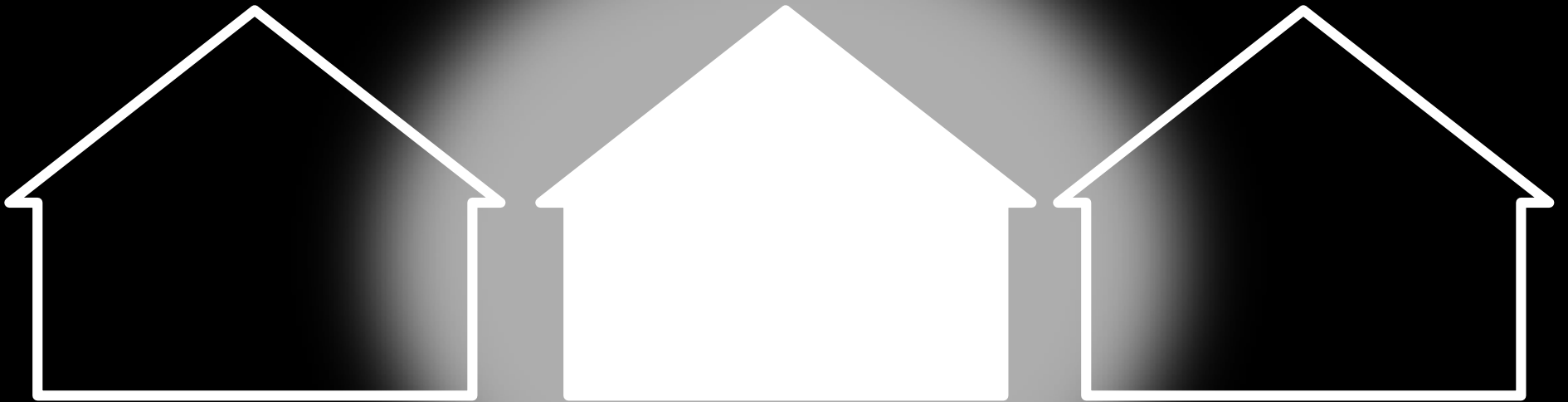
Mt. 7:24-27

- Built in sanctification

**Josh. 24:15; Deut. 6:4-9;
James 4:4**

**Godliness does not come from
taking our cues from the world**

Rm.12.1-2





LOVE

**Matt.22.37-40; Eph.5.25;
Titus 2.4; Pr.13.34; Pr. 5**

PRINCIPLES



ROLES

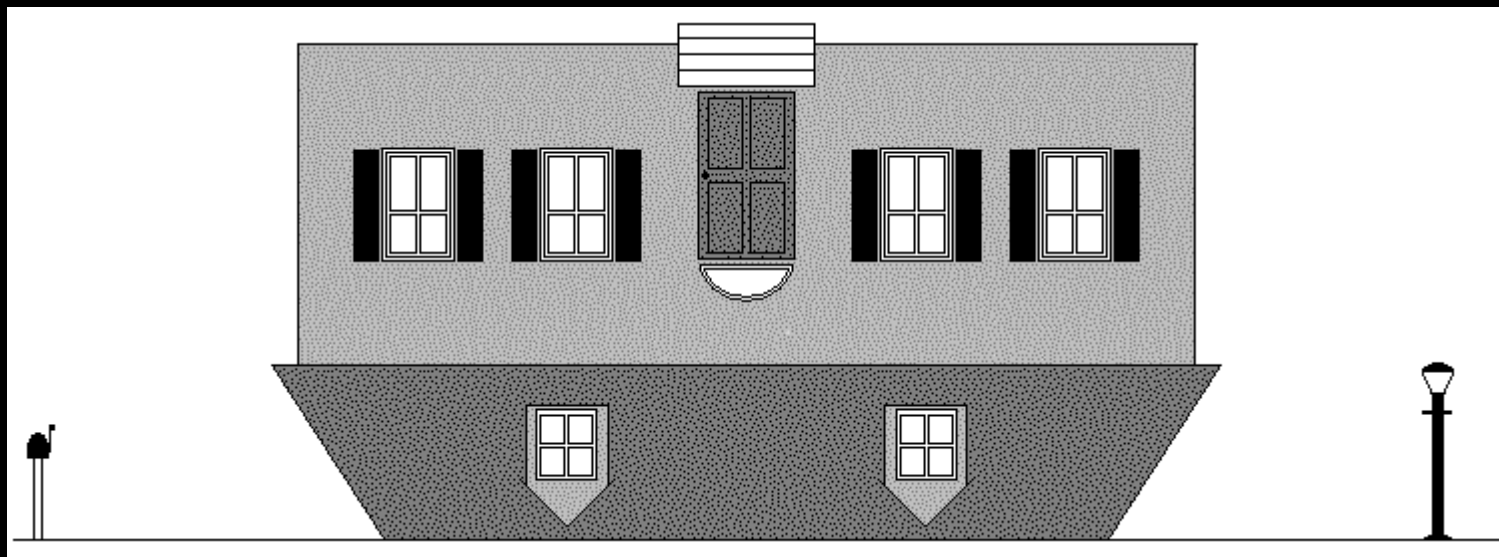
Josh. 24.15

Eph.5.25; 1Ptr. 3; Eph.6

PRINCIPLES

The structure of the family:

- a.) God **Gen.1&2; Dt. 6.4-9; Josh.24.15; Matt.7.24-27**
- b.) the husband & father **Eph.5; Col. 3**
- c.) the wife & mother **Eph.5; 1 Ptr. 3; 1 Tim.5**
- d.) the children **Ps.127:3-5; Eph.6:1-3**



UPSIDE DOWN HOMES *(M.&.D.Pearl?)*

Child centered homes vs. God centered homes:

Too many children view the home, the parents, the food, etc., as merely a means to an ends: to satisfy and please the child.

The child makes his demands and manipulates the parents via tantrums and repeated misbehavior.

Parents bow to the will of the child in efforts to placate and appease his whims and dissatisfactions, or suffer through increased strife and conflict when they cannot.

The home is like a house built upside down.

The child needs to understand:



- **GOD**
- **father**
- **mother**
- **child**

the home –

- **as a castle**
- **as an inn**
- **as a training ground**
- **as a house of God**
- **as a haven of love & joy**



Josh 24:15 b

Husband

- **Gen. 2.18, 24**
leave & cleave (Mk.10; Mt.19)
- *provider:*
Gen.3.13-19; 1 Tim. 5.8
provide for physical needs
Eph. 5.22-25, 28-29; 6.1-4
provide leadership generally

Husband

sacrificial leadership

Eph.5:23-25

cf. Mt. 20,25-28

- For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body....

Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ also loved the church
and ***gave himself up*** for her ”

leadership

not

bitter against her (Col.3:19)

not

1. "I'm here to get what I want" (Mt.7.12; Mt.22.34ff)
2. "I'm here to be served" (Mt. 20.20-28)
3. Just make arbitrary decisions to "be in charge"

not

"I'm too tired to lead." "I'm too afraid to lead"
"I don't want to lead"

Husband

“love”

Eph.5:25

- *“Husbands, **love** your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her ”*

Eph. 5



**husband:
love her**

**wife:
follow him**



LOVE



RESPECT

Husband

“love”

Eph.5:25

- *“Husbands, **love** your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her ”*

Husband

“one”

Eph.5:28-31

- *Even so ought husbands to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loves his own wife loves himself, for no man ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it ... for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and the two shall become **one** flesh”*

Husband

- **remembering your vows:**
- “cherish” **Eph.5.28-29**
- “honor” **1Ptr.3.7** (*& dwell w/ here w/ understanding*)
- “to her and her alone” **Job.31.1; Pr.5; Mt.5**
- “love” **Eph. 5.28**

• “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her...

Even so ought husbands to love their own wives as their own bodies.

He that loves his own wife loves himself”

Pr. 18.22

**“He who
finds a wife
finds a good thing”**

example :

husbands

&

wives

wife

- **Eph. 5.22-24**

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

**“I’m usually submissive,
esp. when I agree”**

**illustration:
2 cars in traffic**

wife

- **1 Peter. 3:1-6**

“chaste and respectful behavior”

[v.2]

“gentle and quiet spirit”

[v.4]

the example of Sarah

[v.5-6]

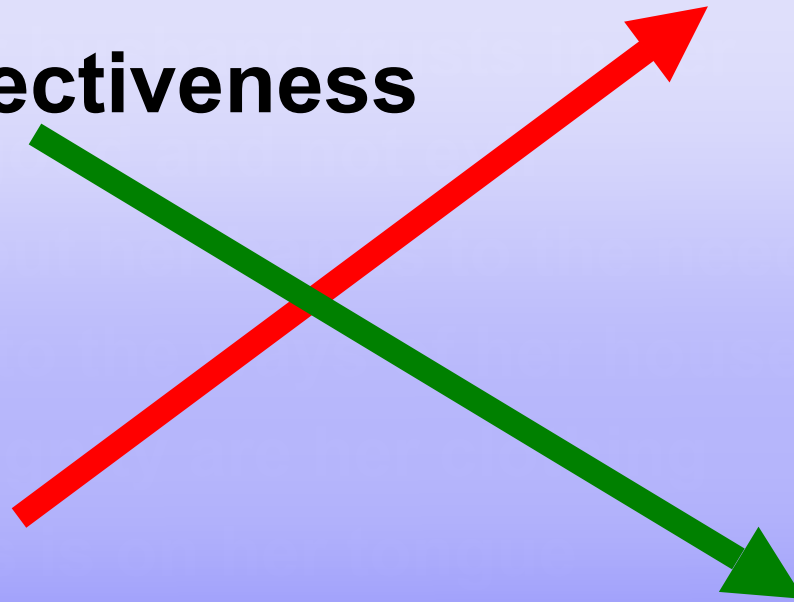
wife

• Proverbs 31.10-31

- an excellent wife, her worth is far above rubies [10]
- the heart of her husband trusts in her [11]
- she does her husband good and not harm [12]
- she stretches out her hand to the poor and reaches out to the needy [20]
- she looks well to the ways of her household and is without stain [27]
- strength and honor are her [25]
- law of kindness [26]

effectiveness

tension & frustr.



Prov. 21:9 & 19

Prov. 14.1

nasb

**The wise woman builds her house,
But the foolish tears it down with
her own hands.**

wife

- **Titus 2.3-5**

- older women teach the younger women:
- “to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands”

Gen.3:16-19; Prov.31

1Tim.5.14; Titus 2.5

marital pitfalls

Husband & Wife

1 Cor.7.

- defraud not one another
- husband...
- wife...
- “one flesh” / God’s plan; fund. & beneficial
- considerate (**1 Cor.7; Mt. 7.12; Php.2**)
- secure (**Pr.31 / Pr.5-7**)
- impassioned (**Prov.5**)
- loving (**Eph.5/ Titus 2**)

marital pitfalls / comm.

- **Lack of communication**
- 1 Ptr. 3.7 “according to knowledge”
- Prov.18.13 answers w/o hearing...
- **Destructive communication**
- Prov. 12.18 jabbing / “buttons”
- Prov. 15.1 grievous words

“behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body also... even so the tongue is a little member...” **Jas.3:3,5**

speaking with kindness

Prov.
31:26

- **Eph. 4.15**

speaking the truth in love

Mt.
7:12

- **Prov.25:15**

a soft tongue breaks the bone

- **Prov.15:1**

A soft answer turneth away wrath:
but grievous words stir up anger

PROVERBS 18:21

specific areas ...

- a.) "sorry" apologies vs. being sorry**
- b.) jabbing vs. edifying**
- c.) insults vs. requests**

apologies

- the minimizing apology

“Perhaps I did make a

” “Maybe my reaction

**” “Well, no one’s
perfect after all”**

i.o.w.:

**SO MAYBE I
WASN'T QUITE
PERFECT**

apologies

- the minimizing apology
- the accusation apology

“I’m sorry you got so

**“I’m sorry you were
so bothered by that ”**

**“I’m sorry you took it
the wrong way.”**

i.o.w.:

**HERE’S YOUR
APOLOGY: SORRY
YOU MESSED UP,
BUT IT’S YOUR FAULT**

apologies

- the minimizing apology
- the accusation apology
- the “hypothetical” apology

“If I may have made a mistake...”

“If I did anything that appeared to be wrong...”

i.o.w.: I'M ADMITTING NOTHING (and likely did nothing). BUT SUPPOSING EVEN IF I DID, LET'S CONSIDER IT APOLOGIZED FOR

apologies

- the minimizing apology
- the accusation apology
- the “hypothetical” apology
- the “I’m sorry, but...” apology

**“Well I’m sorry, BUT
IF YOU HADN’T ”**

“I’m sorry, BUT YOU

**Y “I’m sorry, BUT I
ONLY REACTED
THAT WAY**

BECAUSE YOU ”

i.o.w.:

**OK, there’s your
apology. NOW TO THE
REAL PROBLEM: YOU.**

apologies

- the minimizing apology
- the accusation apology
- the “hypothetical” apology
- the “I’m sorry, but...” apology
- the angry apology

“So I’m sorry, OK??”

“Fine. I’m sorry then. Are you satisfied?”

“Hey, I already said I was sorry!”

i.o.w.: OK- I said the words. Now get off my back!

apologies

- the minimizing apology
- the accusation apology
- the “hypothetical” apology
- the “I’m sorry, but...” apology
- the angry apology

Cf.:

**the apology of
the prodigal son**

Lk.15:21

throwing jabs

- *“My mistake. I should have learned by now not to expect too much.”*
- *“I shouldn’t blame you. You get it honestly enough from your [Dad/Mom/brother/sister].”*
- *“I should have listened to my mother when she warned me about you.”*

Prov.12:18 nasb

**“There is one who speaks rashly
like the thrusts of a sword,
But the tongue of the wise brings healing.”**

“Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear.”

Eph.4:29 asv

expressing preferences

- “Tuna again? Why can’t we ever have something good like spaghetti & meatballs?”
- “I’m so tired of seeing you in that old jumper. Why don’t you wear something different?”
- What did you spend on these groceries? Do you think money grows on trees?

You know what I’d love to have sometime soon? Some of your spaghetti and meatballs. I really like the way you fix it.

We haven’t been shopping for you in a while. Would you like to go to town soon and get a new outfit?

This month’s really tight, let’s figure out some ways to save on groc. & gas this month.

expressing preferences

- “Why do you kids have to be such pigs? Can’t you ever pick up after yourselves?”

“OK kids: Who all would like to pick up their things right now? And who would rather get in trouble first, and still have to pick up their things afterwards? I’d recommend the first option, but it’s your choice. Starting now :)!”

marital pitfalls / direction

- **Competing instead of completing**
 - Gen.2 “help meet”
 - canoe
 - Gen.2.24 / 1Cor.12 illustr.
- **Drifting apart / “1.....1’s” instead of “1”**
 - Amos 3.3
 - Eph.5 / Titus 2
- **Expecting 50/50**
 - cf. Lk.12.13
 - 1Cor.12-14
 - Matt.5 “go two”

**Nurture?
Or Neglect?**

**Build up?
Or tear down?**

**Grow together?
Or grow cold?**

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FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

a.) building godly homes b.) husbands & wives

Sunday 9:30 AM

**Building Godly Homes in an
Ungodly World**

Sunday 10:30 AM

Being Better Husbands and Wives

Sunday 5:30 PM

**Child Training and Parenting Pitfalls
(Part 1)**

Monday 7:00 PM

**Child Training and Parenting Pitfalls
(Part 2)**

Tuesday 7:00 PM

**Child Training and Parenting Pitfalls
(Part 3) (with attention to particular
challenges: strong willed children and
birth order challenges)**

Wednesday 7:00 PM

**Goals and Responsibilities for
Young People**

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Home Improvement

(through application of biblical principles)

- **Foundation / priorities / principles**
- **Being better husbands & wives**
- **Early child training & Parenting Pitfalls (a.)**
- **Child training & Parenting Pitfalls (b.)**
- **Child training & Parenting Pitfalls (c.)**
- **Young people: planning ahead & aiming high**

lastly...