

Ephesians Series

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Training Children Ephesians 6:1–9



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Context:

Broad context of Ephesians

Eph. 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Eph. 4:1, “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”

Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,”

Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

Eph. 5:8, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”

Eph. 5:15, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,”

Context:

Near context of Ephesians

Three pairs of people who are in authority relationships.

**wives – husbands,
children – parents,
servants – masters**

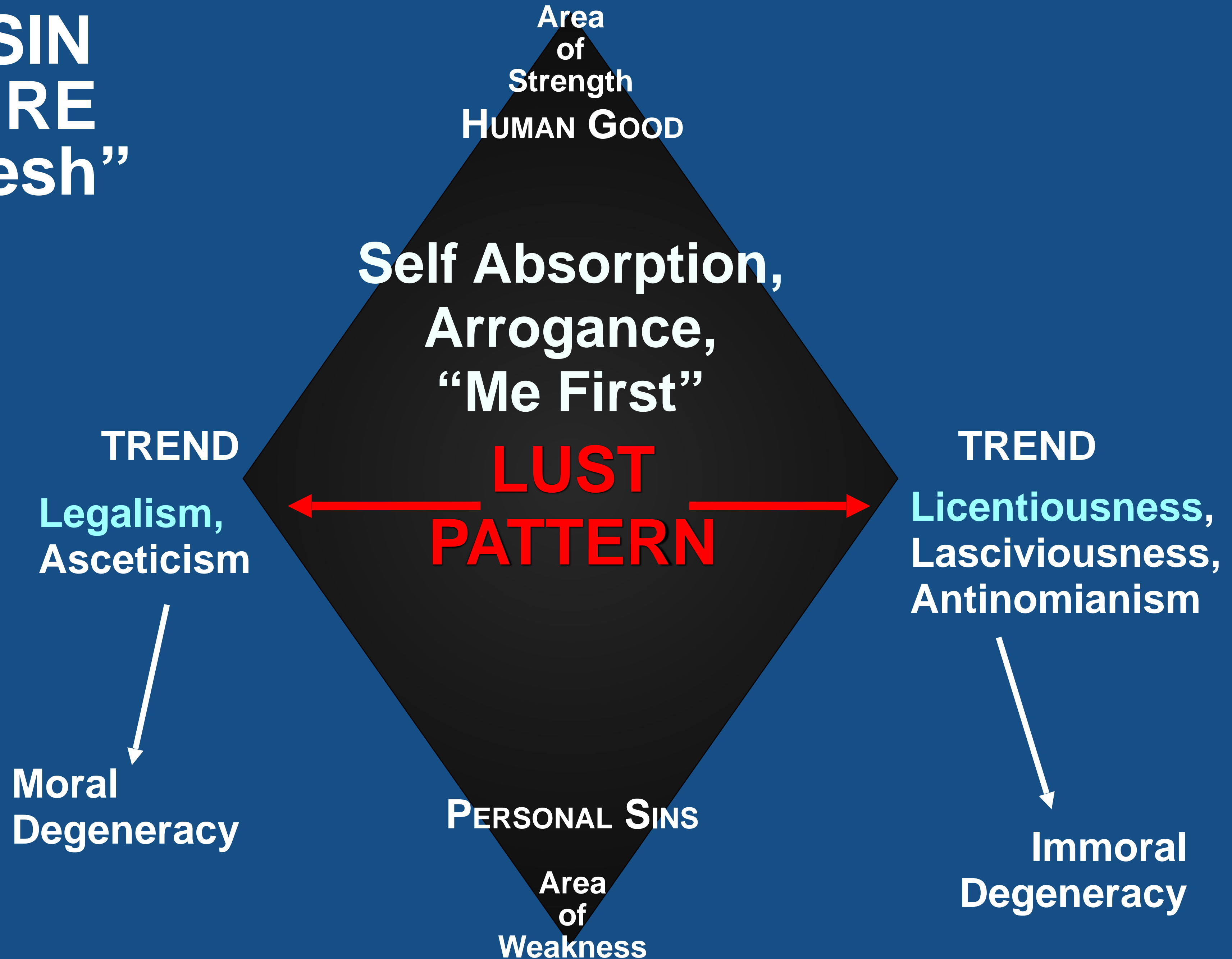
**What the Bible Teaches
About**

Spheres of Authority

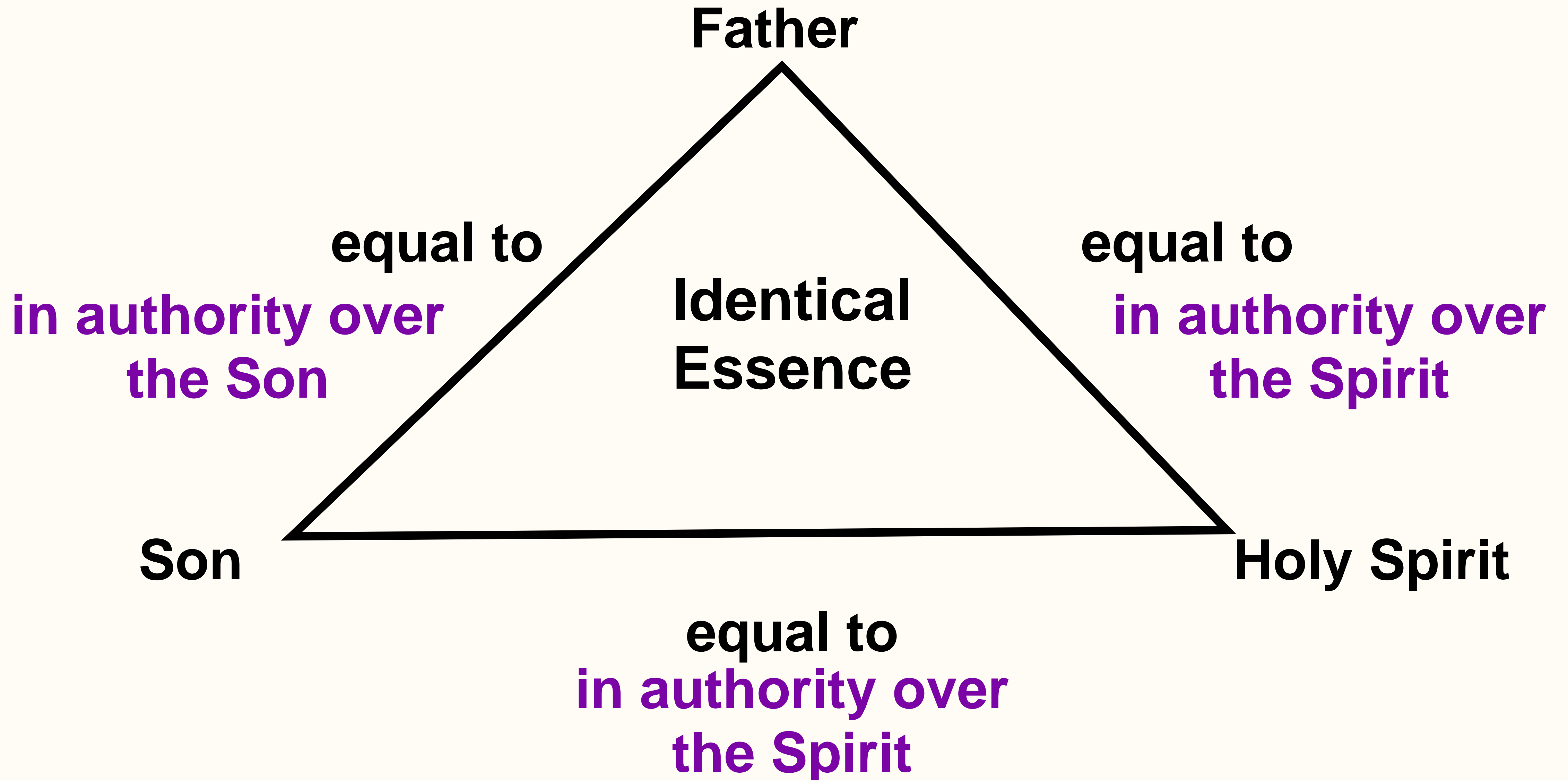


The problem:

THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



Authority in the Triune Relationships

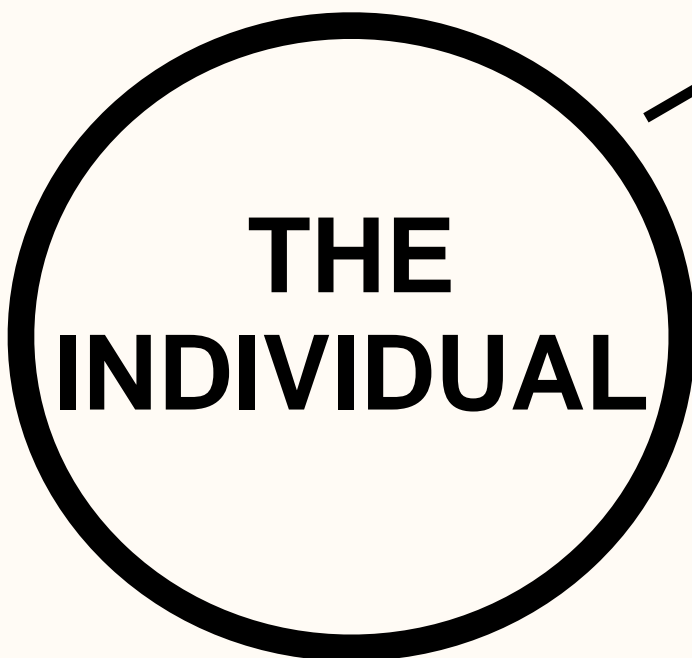


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Authority within the
Triune Godhead

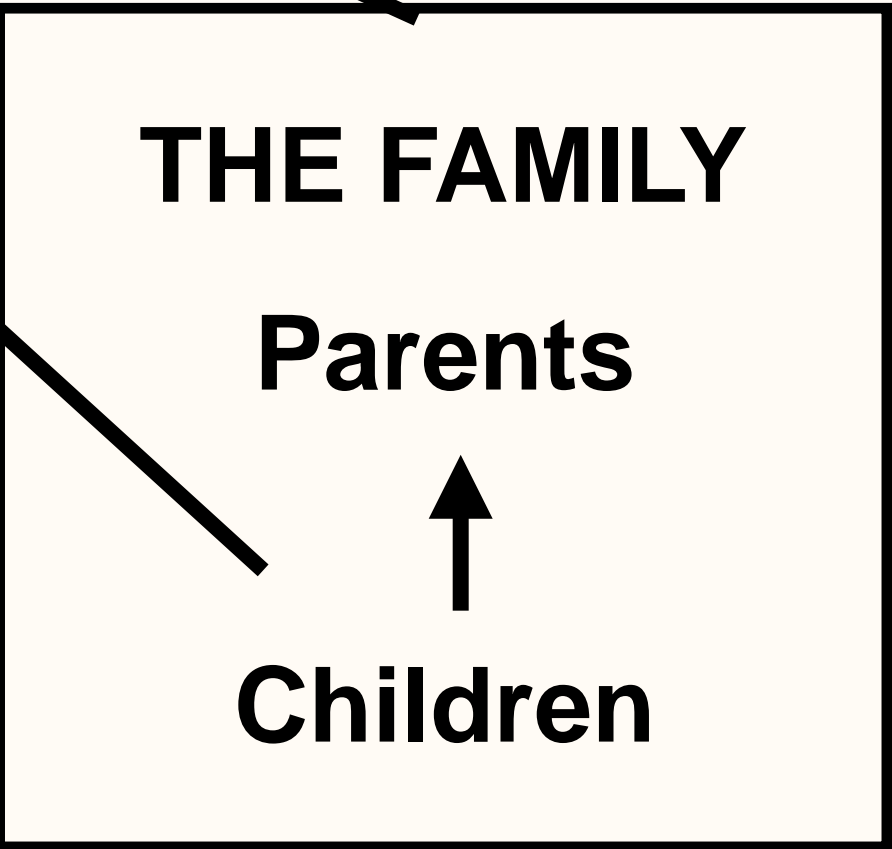
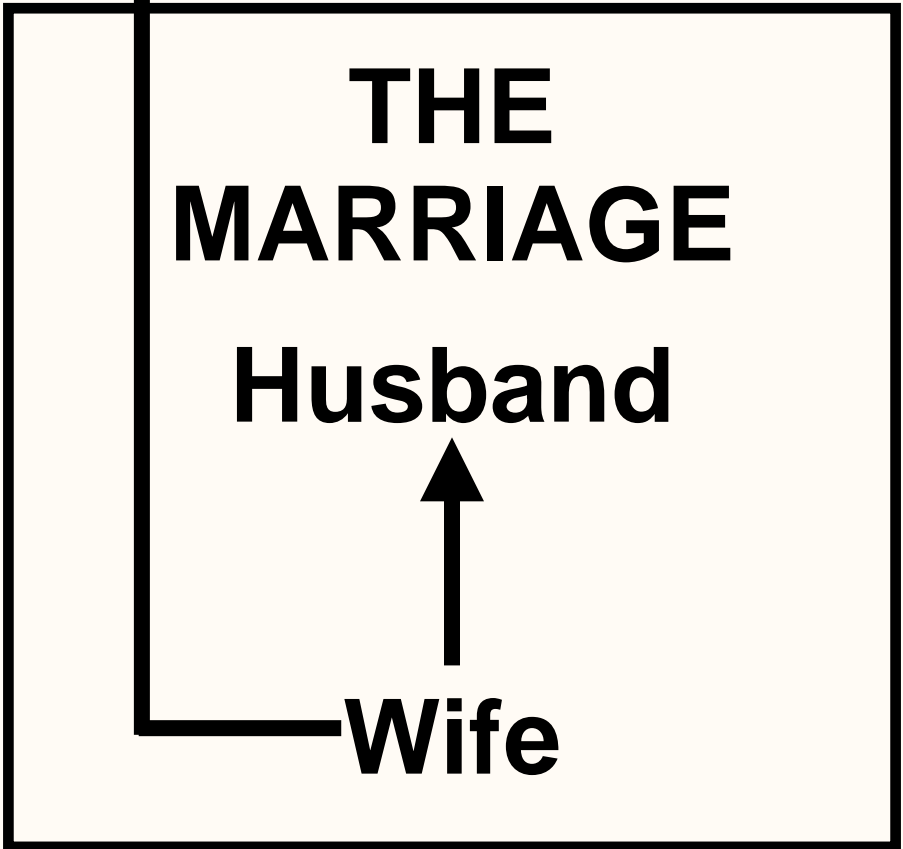


Distinct Roles



Responsible to
God

**CREATOR
GOD**



THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

BUILDS SOCIETY

1. Responsible
Choice

2. Marriage

3. Family
The Training
Ground

Promote
stability,
blessing,
perpetuation of
the human race.

RESTRAINS SOCIETY

4. Civil
Government

5. Tribal
Diversity

Discipline and
punish and
restrain evil

BLESSES SOCIETY

6. ISRAEL

Bless the world

Key Principles that Inform Child Training:

- a. God institutes spheres of authority within the creation.**
- b. At birth, parents are given the responsibility to train children to restrain their sin natures. This emphasizes the importance of obedience to authorities.**
- c. Without authority orientation, life can become quite chaotic and self-destructive.**
- d. The key is to teach humility which is learned through enforced humility.**
- e. Only through Scripture can we have a healthy view of authority and obedience.**

Rom. 13:1, “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Rom. 13:2, “Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”

2. God has instituted marriage and the family as the training ground to teach individual responsibility along with both positive and negative consequences for one's action.

3. Authority in the marriage

4. Authority in the home

5. Authority in the workplace

**What the Bible Teaches
About**

**God's View of Rebellion
Against Legitimate
Authority**



1 Sam. 15:23, “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”

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What the Bible Teaches About The Training of Children



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τέκνον *teknon*

neut plur nom

child; son or daughter

**One of 11 words for children;
covers a wide age range**

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Matt. 3:5, “Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to Him.”

Luke 2:51, “Then He [Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.”

ὑποτάσσω *hupotassō*

pres mid part masc sing nom

**“to subordinate to another’s authority, to submit”
synonym of *hupakouo***

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εὐάρεστος *euarestos*

Adjective neut sing nom

acceptable, pleasing; i.e., it conforms to the will of God

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What the Bible Teaches About

Obedience



Rom. 1:5, “Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,”

Rom. 6:17, “But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

Rom. 16:26, “but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—”

2 Cor. 10:5, “casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,”

Php. 2:12, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;”

2 Thess. 1:8, “in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Thess. 3:14, “And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.”

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