UPON WHO AND WHAT DO WE BUILD OUR HOMES? PSALM 127:1; DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

Upon Jesus Christ. Ps. 127:1; Deut. 6:4-5

- He is the <u>foundation</u>. Ps. 127:1; Gen. 1:26-28; 2:21-24; 4:1-2;
 Matt. 7:24-27; 16:18-19; 1 Cor. 3:11-12; Eph. 2:20-22
- He is the **priority**. Ps. 127:1; Matt. 6:33; Deut. 6:4-5; 5:7-9
- He is our <u>redeemer</u>. Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Rom. 10:13; Matt. 20:28; Luke 19:10

Upon the Word of God. Deut. 6:1-9

- Know the Word of God. Deut. 6:1-5; 5:1-33; Ps. 119:11, 97-105;
 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17
- <u>Teach</u> the Word of God. Deut. 6:5; 4:9; 11:18-19; Prov. 2:6; Eph. 6:4
- **Be** the Word of God. Deut. 6:1-3, 7, 11, 13, 18, 21, 32; Ps. 128:1, 4; John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:32; 1 Thess. 5:11-14

Upon the power of God. Ps. 127:1

- His power to <u>build</u> and protect our homes. Ps. 127:1; Deut. 6:10-18; 8:1-4; Ex. 6:5-9; 7:14; 13:20-21; John 15:5; Phil. 4:13; 1 John 4:4; Zech. 4:6
- His power to offer redemption and <u>life</u> change. Ps. 127:1, Ex. 7-14;
 Matt. 20:28; Acts 16:31-34; Rom. 10:13; 12:1-2; 8:29
- His power will give our families a fighting <u>chance</u> to be what He wants them to be.

TWELVE RULES FOR RAISING JUVENILE DELINQUENT CHILDREN

- 1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
- 2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think that it is cute.
- 3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let him decide for himself.
- 4. Avoid use of the word "wrong". It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
- 5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
- 6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful, that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.
- 7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they won't be shocked when the home is broken up later.
- 8. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own.
- 9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified.
- 10. Take his part against neighbors, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
- 11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him."
- 12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will likely have it.

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"Anything which makes religion its second object makes religion no object. God will put up with a great many things in the human heart, but there is one thing he will not put up with in it - a second place. He who offers God a 2nd place offers him no place at all."

John Ruskin

7 WARNING SIGNS TO A DECLINING NATION:

- 1. "An Increased rate of divorce. Quick and easy no fault divorce."
- 2. "The failure to understand the permanence of the marriage model."
- 3. "A looser standard of family as a solution to social problems."
- 4. "Lack of respect to parental authority."
- 5. "A promotion of co-habitation over marriage."
- 6. "The breakdown of most inhibitions against adultery."
- 7. "Acceptance of all forms of sexuality.

"As we watch the destruction of the family, so we simultaneously watch the collapse of society."

Carl Zimmerman