

The Spiritual War in Your Home, Part 11 | how your family is to engage the world

I. The first defense against the World System is salvation.

- Ephesians 2:1-10
- Your children will never have victory over the seductive siren call of the World if they are not born again and in-dwelt by the Holy Spirit.
- The World speaks the same lies of Satan. Remember, the World System is Satan's propaganda machine. He guides it like the ultimate Fake News syndicate. And Satan knows just what lusts of the flesh and lusts of the eyes will appeal to our pride of life.
- If someone is not a follower of Christ, his only recourse is to be a follower of self. And if it makes him happy, that will be what he wants. And Satan is going to convince him that only the most damning things will make him happy.
- This is why — especially if you have young children — your main goal must be Evangelism Parenting. Teach your children the Truth about God — Who He is, who your child is, the relationship God wants to have with them — and you also need to be helping them *understand* these Truths in any and every way possible so that — Lord willing — your children will one day believe it and make the first wise choice in their lives . . . to fear the Lord and submit to Him.
- Until then, the World System is guaranteed to win.

II. The second defense against the World System is to love God.

- I John 2:15-17; Matthew 6:24; Psalm 119; I John 5:1-5; John 14:31
- If we truly love something — we will deeply desire to know it. Neither you nor your spouse nor your kids love God if you do not love His Word. You cannot love God without loving His Word. The same goes for your kids.
- The second part is living that love out in our lives.

III. The third defense against the World System is to use the Spiritual Weapon.

- Ephesians 6; Romans 11:11-14; Romans 12:1-2; Titus 2:11-14; II Corinthians 10:3-5; I John 3
- One of the greatest Truths we must learn is that God means what He says, and when He calls us to holy, righteous living, all of us who claim to be Christians should be running to take up the challenge.
- The spiritual war is fought on the *decision* to believe God and obey Him or to call Him a liar and disobey. That's it. Satan, the World, and the Flesh want us to call God a liar and do our own thing. The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and the Church want us to submit to God and follow Him. To win the spiritual war is to do the right things in the right way for the right reasons in the right power. To lose the spiritual war is to sin in any way, shape, or form.
- One of the grandest and most damning lies of Satan via the World system is that you can be a follower of Christ *and* not take His Word seriously.
- The world is full of nominal, professing Christians whose lives are no different than the unbelievers around them. They've believed the lie that they can live however they want and still claim to love God — even while they are doing things God hates.
- Therefore we must equip our kids to fight off the Failure Philosophies of the world by immersing them in the Truth of the Bible.

IV. The fourth defense against the World System is to love others.

- I John 3; I Corinthians 10:13
- Lead your children to Christ. Make their spiritual education the most important service you can do your children. Model for them how to love God, obey him, and — more specifically — truly love others.
- It doesn't matter if the attack is directly from Satan or from his World System, God will NEVER allow us to be tempted more than we are able. He will provide us everything we need to escape the temptation.
- The issue is not that there is no hope, the issue is that we choose not to escape.
- Are you tempted to yell at your family? Ask God for wisdom, think of the situation through the lens of the Gospel, dwell on Truth, pull the trigger of faith — believing that God's way is best — and live righteously . . . and the World will hold no sway over you.
- And teach your kids to do the same

The biggest reasons we fail in this spiritual war are these:

1. We're not truly born again.
2. We don't know what God says and therefore cannot believe what we don't know.
3. We don't believe God and obey Him.

That's it. And that's why the Parents 5 jobs encapsulate all three of those. We teach our kids, help them reinterpret their decisions in order to better understand God's expectations, counsel them in how to turn from sin to righteousness, and train them to continue escaping temptation to the glory of God.