

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 *The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.*

- **Why is it important for everyone to understand the seriousness of sin?**
- **How can we teach our children about the consequences of sin?**

Matthew 15:18-20a *But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.*

- **What do these verses teach about the source of sin?**
- **How would you summarize the main goals for fathering and godly discipline?**
- **What emotions do you experience when you think about those goals? Why?**

Genesis 2:24-25 *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

Hebrews 13:4 *Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*

- **How would you summarize God's plan for sex and sexuality?**

Proverbs 6:32-33 *He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself. He will get wounds and dishonor, and his disgrace will not be wiped away.*

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 *Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know*

that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

- **What are some of the consequences we receive when we go against God's plan for sex and sexuality?**
- **How can you teach these consequences to your children?**

Stories from the Bible that teach about sex and consequences of sexual sin:

- ❖ Joseph's encounter with Potiphar's wife helps us understand how to deal with sexual temptation (Genesis 39:6-23)
- ❖ David's encounter with Bathsheba offers a negative example for dealing with temptation (2 Samuel 11:2-17)
- ❖ Psalm 51 is a great example of David's sorrow after giving in to temptation and committing sexual sin.

Job 31:1-4 *"I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin? What would be my portion from God above and my heritage from the Almighty on high? Is not calamity for the unrighteous, and disaster for the workers of iniquity? Does not he see my ways and number all my steps?"*

Psalm 119:9-11 *How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

- **What do these verses teach about avoiding sin?**

Suggested Scripture readings on important topics to teach your children:

- ❖ **Pride:** Proverbs 8:13, 11:2, 16:18, 18:12, 21:24, 27:1, 29:23; Daniel 4:4-37; 2 Samuel 24:1-25
- ❖ **Drinking:** Proverbs 20:1, 23:19-21, 23:29-35, 1 Corinthians 5:11, 6:9-11; 1 Peter 4:1-4
- ❖ **Honesty:** Exodus 20:16; Psalm 19:14; Proverbs 8:6-8, 12:22, 19:9; Ephesians 4:15, 4:25, 4:29
- ❖ **Money:** Matthew 6:24; Romans 13:8; 1 Timothy 6:10

- ❖ **Anger:** Proverbs 10:12, 12:16, 14:16-17, 15:1, 15:18, 19:11, 25:28, 29:22, 30:33; Matthew 5:21-22; Ephesians 4:26; Colossians 3:8; James 1:19-20

--- Homework ---

1. Read **Daniel 4:4-37** then answer the following questions:
 - a. What is your initial reaction to these verses? Why?

 - b. How can you use these verses to teach children about pride?

 - c. What's the difference between healthy pride and sinful pride?

 - d. What are some ways to prevent sinful pride?

2. Read **Exodus 20:1-20** and then answer the following questions:
 - a. Which of these commandments did you struggle with as a child?

 - b. Which do you struggle with now?

 - c. How can you teach these commandments to your children?

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Lesson 10 Questions

“Fathering – Part 3”

Memory Verse

*Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light to my path.
(Psalm 119:105)*

- **Are some parts of the Bible more important than others? Explain.**

Matthew 22:35-40 *And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

- **Why is this an important goal for us as fathers?**

Psalms 1:1-6 *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

- **What do you like best about these verses? Why?**
- **How do these verses help us understand the idea of two paths?**

James 1:14-15 *But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.*

