



SACRED RELATIONSHIPS

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“An unbalanced home creates unbalanced people.”
-Josh McDowell

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” —which is the first commandment with a promise “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4

FOUR PILLARS OF THE HOME

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PILLAR ONE: AUTHORITY

Children, *obey* your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Ephesians 6:1

Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.

Proverbs 19:18

If we do not teach our children to obey authority, their human nature will resist God's will.

Every time we reject proper authority, we actually create disorder and unrest in our lives.

Every time we embrace proper authority, we become more adapted to God's will.

If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.

Isaiah 1:19-20

Authority is the foundation of **ORDER** and **RESPECT**.

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PILLAR TWO: AFFECTION

Children, obey *your parents* in the Lord, for this is right.

Ephesians 6:1

The purpose of this affection is to reveal God's heart and to provide the counter-balance for authority in the home.

"Emotional deprivation as an infant can leave an adult less able to deal with stress. Love is the vital nutrient required to build parts of the nervous system."

–Dr. David R. Hamilton, *Why Babies Need Love*

3 Components of a Healthy Self-Image:

1. A sense of belonging
2. A sense of worth and value
3. A sense of being competent

Affection is the foundation of **CONNECTION** and
CARE.

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The only way to overcome an affection deficit is to be deliberate and practice it in an appropriate way.

PILLAR THREE: FAITH

Children, obey your parents *in the Lord*, for this is right.

Ephesians 6:1

Faith is what you carry in your heart and what you transfer over to your family.

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“Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, takes off your relish for spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of the body over the mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may seem in itself.”

-Susanna Wesley



Dressed up as Missionary Amy Carmichael for Halloween

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Faith is the foundation of **TRUE WORSHIP** and
PURPOSE.

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PILLAR FOUR: FORGIVENESS

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

Forgiveness is the attitude we bring even when correction is necessary.

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The strong forgive. The weak cannot forgive.

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Forgiveness is the foundation of **ACCEPTANCE** and
FREEDOM.

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If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with
reverence, serve you.

Psalms 130:3-4