

Four Enemies of the Home

Ephesians 4-5

Introduction:

- The _____ is God's first ordained institution and is the foundation of everything else in society.
- Because of this, Satan's _____ has always been to attack the home and attempt to fracture and disintegrate it.
- From Ephesians we will see four enemies of the Christian home. All four enemies contribute greatly in destroying the home.

First enemy: parents who walk _____ - vs. 4:17-22

- Once we know Christ, we put off the old person we were _____ Christ. Our identity is no longer ungodly, but rather _____ lives within us.
- When parents choose to live according to the deeds of the old man, it _____ children.
- Children do not tend to imitate what parents _____, but what they _____.

Second enemy: _____ companions - vs. 5:5-13

- Once we are saved, we are now _____ in the Lord and we have no business fellowshipping with the works of darkness.

- Who we associate ourselves with can literally make or break us spiritually.
 - *“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”*
Proverbs 13:20
 - *“Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.”* **Proverbs 22:24-25**
- Parents had better _____ who their children’s friends are and should guide them in choosing the right kind of friends.

Third enemy: unresolved _____ - vs. 4:26-27

- It is possible to be angry and not sin, but so many times anger is _____ of control and directed in the wrong place.
- Anger should lead us to sit down and apply Biblical _____ to our problems.
- Without this, anger simply stirs up strife and leads to _____ sin.
 - *“An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.”* **Proverbs 29:22**

Fourth enemy: bitterness and hatred in the _____ - vs. 4:30-32

- Clearly, bitterness and hatred have no place in your new _____ in Christ.
- Hebrews 12:15 warns about the root of bitterness.
- In the end, this deadly root will _____ your marriage, your children, your spiritual growth, and most of all, it will destroy _____.