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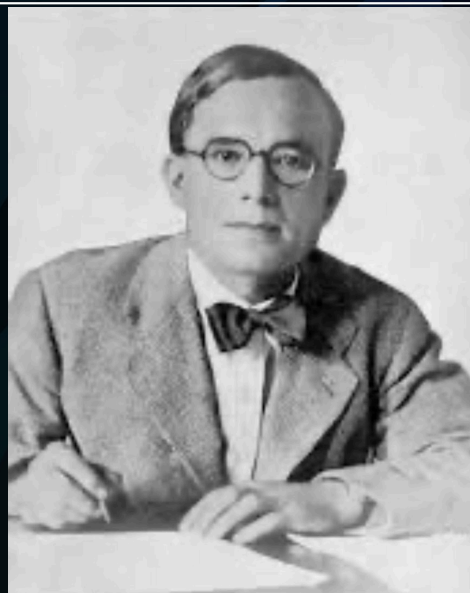
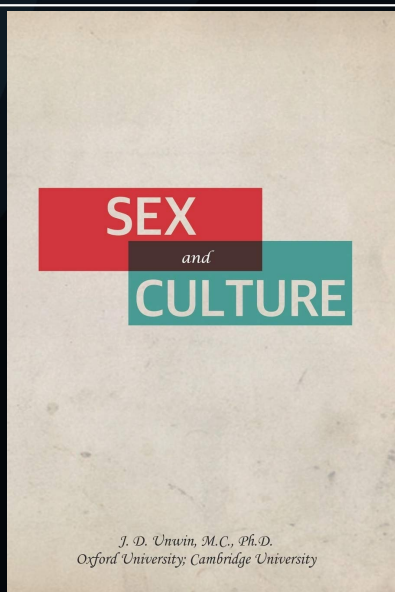
“As the family goes,
so goes the nation.”

– Zig Ziglar

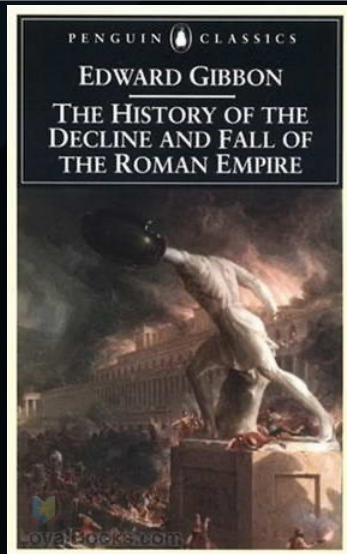
“As the family goes,
So goes the church.”

- PTC

J. D. UNWIN “SEX AND CULTURE”



EDWARD GIBBON "THE HISTORY OF THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE"



Judges 2:7-8

And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the Lord which He had done for Israel.

⁸ Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of one hundred and ten.

Judges 2:10-10

...and there arose another generation after them who **did not know the LORD**, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

¹¹ Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals,

1 Samuel 1:3

... Now the sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas were priests to the LORD there.

1 Samuel 2:12,22

¹²Now the sons of Eli were worthless men; **they did not know the LORD**

²² Now **Eli was very old; and he heard** all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

1 Samuel 3:12-13

¹² In that day I will carry out against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

¹³ For I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse on themselves and he did not rebuke them.

GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE FAMILY

- 1. To know Him - God describe Himself as father, husband.**
- 2. It is God's way of teaching us values , spiritual truths and social skills.**
- 3. To protect us from the influence of the world**
- 4. To fulfill His purpose and serve Him for His glory**
- 5. To pass on a godly legacy**

**HOW TO INFLUENCE
YOUR FAMILY
YOUR DISCIPLES
YOUR FRIENDS**

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

⁶ Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk in Him,⁷ having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and overflowing with gratitude.*

“You cannot change your ancestors
but you can influence your
descendants.”

The 8 Secrets of Influencing the heart

*M*odeling

- O**pen Communication
- T**ime
- I**ntimacy
- V**ision
- A**ffirmation
- T**raining
- E**ntrust

Deuteronomy 6:1

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to **teach you to observe** in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,

Deuteronomy 6:2

so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and **so that you may enjoy long life.**

Deuteronomy 6:3

³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey **so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly** in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

Deuteronomy 6:5-6

⁵And you shall *love* the LORD your God with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your **soul** and with **all** your **might**.

⁶And these words which I am commanding you today shall be on your **heart**;

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

⁶And these words which I am commanding you today shall be on your **heart**;

⁷and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you **sit** in your house and when you **walk** by the way and when you **lie down** and when you **rise up**.

Modeling

THE LAW OF MODELING:

Children copy us either positively or negatively.

Modeling

THE LAW OF MODELING:

1 Corinthians 11:1 - Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

Philippians 3:17 - Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

Modeling

- Children copy us.
- Modeling is the most effective way of teaching.
- Modeling is a way of life. It is a lifestyle.

Modeling

Modeling is about authenticity, not perfection.

Modeling

Values are **caught**, not taught.

“Your actions speak so loudly,
I can’t hear what you are saying.”

What to Model

- Holy Spirit filled life – “Christ-Likeness”
- Gratitude
- Values – integrity, humility, kindness
- How to treat others
- How to handle stress, criticism, conflict
- How to handle money
- Roles of husband and wife

GALATIANS 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Role of the Husband: LOVE

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her

Role of the Husband: **LEAD**

The head of the wife is the husband because of God's decision.

*“For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.” -
Eph. 5:23*

A Servant Leader Exercises Authority with Understanding

1 Peter 3:7

You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an **understanding way**, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, **so that your prayers may not be hindered.**

ROLE OF THE WIFE: RESPECT

Ephesians 5:23, 33

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is head of the church...

³³ and let the wife see to it that she **respects** her husband.

ROLE OF THE WIFE: RESPECT

Eph. 5:33

And let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband – that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates him and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him and loves and admires him exceedingly.”

ROLE OF THE WIFE: **SUBMIT**

Ephesians 5:22

Wives **submit** to your own husband, as to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:24

But as the church **submits** to Christ, so also the wives ought to **submit** to their husbands in everything.

The **POWER** of **SUBMISSION**

1 Peter 3:1-2

In the same way, you wives, be submissive to you own husbands, so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won **without a word** by the behavior of their wives, as they **observe** your chaste and respectful behavior.

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- The most important thing a father can do is to love the mother of their children
 - The most important thing a wife can do is to honor and respect the father of their children.
 - The most important thing parents can do is to model how to treat their spouses lovingly, respectfully and patiently.

Sobering Truth

“You must be what you want your children to be because they will become what you are!”

- Deonna Tan-chi

Application on Modeling

1. What are you modeling to your children , friends , parents ?
2. What must you stop doing?
3. What must you start modeling?

The 8 Secrets of Successful Parenting

Modeling

Open Communication

Time

Intimacy

Vision

Affirmation

Training

Entrust

Myth of generation gap

*It is not a Generation Gap
It is a Communication Gap*

Open Communication

THE LAW OF OPEN COMMUNICATION:

The more you communicate,
the greater is your influence.

Open Communication

GOD'S FORMULA

James 1:19-20

¹⁹ This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

Open Communication

The key to good communication is:

Listen, Listen, Listen

The more you listen, the more you will understand.

Open Communication

“Your child feels free and safe talking to You about anything without being judged, scolded, or lectured.”

Listen, listen , listen

**Listen to understand
before you speak to be understood.**

Proverbs 18:13

He who gives an answer before he hears, It is folly and shame to him.

Practical Application

- Listen with full attention - Don't Lecture!
- Listen to their heart/feelings
- Ask Questions – open-ended
- Don't react or shout or judge them
- Share your stories and struggles of yourself and others
- Share God's Word
- Ask, "How can I pray for you?"



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What is your style of communication ?
Listen or lecture ?**
- **Are there topics that you cannot discuss
or find it hard to discuss ?**
- **How can you improve your communication
with family members ?**