The Impact of Godly Homes upon Society
Col. 3:18-21

Introduction:
A. General agreement that family life has an impact on society.
   1. Most school and law enforcement officials agree.
   2. High divorce rate and latch key kids recognized as a detriment.
   3. Domestic violence has a great impact on the crime rate.
B. The fundamental elements of an orderly society is learned in Bible-centered homes.

Discussion
I. Peace
A. A Bible-centered home is “called unto peace.” (Cf. 1 Cor. 7:15).
B. A Bible-centered home is not a fighting area (cf. Prov. 21:19; 25:24).
   1. All have disagreements – do not let them degenerate into strife.
   2. All have to work for peace – 50-50 proposition or 100-100?

II. Love
A. Bible-centered homes teach, learn and practice love.
   1. Husbands and wives (Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:4).
   2. Children and parents (Matt. 19:19; Tit. 2:4)
   3. Note just an emotional feeling, but a principled commitment
   4. Love that is best seen by what it does (1 Cor. 13:4-7).
B. Love in the home translates to love of neighbors in society (cf. Matt. 19:19).

III. Respect
A. Bible centered homes teach, learn, and practice respect.
   1. Respect for authority.
      a. Of husbands (Eph. 5:23; Tit. 3:5).
      b. Of parents (Eph. 6:1-3)
      c. Of God and supreme authority.
         (1) “Christ and Church (Eph. 5).
         (2) “Of the Lord” - “In the Lord” (Eph. 6:1, 4)
         (3) “Word of God be not blasphemed”(Tit. 2:5).
         (4) “Prayers not be hindered” (1 Pet. 3:7)
         (5) “Sight of God (1 Pet. 3:4)
   2. Respect for rights and feelings.
      a. Marital privileges (1 Cor. 7:1-5).
      b. Honor due to wives (1 Pet. 3:7; Eph. 5:28, 29).
      c. Respect due to children (Col. 3:21)
B. Respect in the home prepares one for respect in society.
   1. Respect of civil law (Rom. 13:1-5).
   2. Respect for neighbors rights (Mark 10:19; Lev. 19:13).

Conclusion:
A. Let our homes return to teaching and practicing these fundamentals.
B. Let our homes return to putting God first in everything.
C. Then, Society will reap the benefits of things learned at home.