

7 Spheres of Influence



364 Key Passages

Family Sphere Key Passages

God and the Sphere of Family

- 1 God Is Like A Good Father
- 2 God Is Like A Good Mother
- 3 God is a Father to the Fatherless
- 4 A Faithful Husband to an Unfaithful People
- 5 God's Desires to Bless All Families
- 7 God Is Our Home
- 8 God First. All Else Second
- 9 We Will Serve the Lord
- 10 Fight for Your Family!

1Jn 3:1-2
Isa 49:15
Psa 68:5-6a
Hos 3:1
Gen 12:1-3
Psa 90:1
Gen 22:1-18
Jos 24:15b
Neh 4:13-14

Biblical Principles for Husbands and Wives

- 11 God Creates Eve; Institutes Marriage
- 12 Ideal Marriage Pattern Given to Priests
- 13 Marriage Is to Be Celebrated
- 14 Marriage Is to Be Honored
- 15 God's Household Code
- 16 Mutuality in Marriage
- 17 Drink Water from Your Own Well
- 18 No Adultery
- 19 David Repents of Adultery
- 20 The Destructive Legacy of Polygamy
- 21 Marriage and the Resurrection
- 22 God Hates Divorce

Gen 2:18,21-25
Lev 21:7,13-15
SoS 5:1
Heb 13:4
Eph 5:21-6:9;
1Co 7:2-16,32b-34
Pro 5:15-25
Deu 5:18
Psa 51:1-19
2Ch 11:18-21
Mar 12:18-27
Mal 2:14-16

Biblical Principles for Parents and Children

- 23 Children Are a Gift from God
- 24 Handmade by God
- 25 Children Born with God's Help
- 26 Abraham Cries out for an Heir
- 27 Hannah Prays for a Son
- 28 Genealogies Tell the Story of Life
- 29 God Understands Aaron's Parental Concerns
- 30 Honor Father and Mother
- 31 Listen to Your Parent's Instructions
- 32 Discipline Your Children with Love
- 33 Multigenerational Accountability
- 34 Multigenerational Consequences
- 35 Parents and Children Reconciled
- 36 Adopted as God's Children

Psa 127:3-5
Psa 139:13-16
Gen 4:1
Gen 15:1-6
1Sa 1:10-11
1Ch 1:1-2
Lev 10:19-20
Deu 5:16
Pro 1:8
Pro 3:11-12
Deu 29:29
Deu 5:8-10
Mal 4:5-6
Rom 8:14-15

Biblical Principles for Living in Family

- 37 Every Family Member Valued
- 38 Caring for Family Members
- 39 Widows and Orphans
- 40 A Kinsman Redeemer
- 41 David Cares for Mephibosheth
- 42 Families Serve the Community Together
- 43 Friends and Family

2Ch 31:15-16
1Ti 5:3-4,8
Exo 22:22-23
Rut 3:7-4:13
2Sa 9:1
Neh 3:23,28
Pro 27:10

Family & Healthcare

- 44 Children Should Care for Elderly Parents
- 45 Parents Care for their Children's Health
- 46 Sickness and Family Matters

Mar 7:9-13
Luk 8:41-42,49-56; 9:37-43
Joh 9:1-3

Crossover Passages

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Act 5:1-10
2Ch 25:4
Luk 11:27
Psa 78:1-8
1Ti 5:1-2
Exo 12:1-4

Economics Sphere Key Passages

God and the Sphere of Economics

- 1 God Created Everything
- 2 God Continues to Do New Things
- 3 God Provides for All of Creation
- 4 God Provided in the Desert
- 5 God's Extravagant Generosity
- 6 God Is Our Healer

Isa 42:5-7
Isa 43:19
Psa 147:8-9
Deu 29:5-6
Rom 8:31-32
Exo 15:23-26

Innovative Science and Technology

- 7 Given a Scientific Research Task
- 8 Twelve Spies Research Agricultural Potential Num 13:17-20a
- 9 Nehemiah Researches Architectural Needs
- 10 Jacob's Sheep Breeding
- 11 The Value of Safe Transportation Systems
- 12 Hezekiah's Engineering Wonder
- 13 Uzziah's Inventive War Machines

Gen 2:19-20

Neh 2:12-18
Gen 30:27-43
Jdg 5:6,10
2Ki 20:20
2Ch 26:14-15a

Biblical Principles for Business

- 14 A God-Given Job
- 15 Covenantal Blessings and Curses
- 16 The Sabbath Instituted
- 17 Respect Private Property
- 18 Jubilee Laws Established
- 19 Integrity in the Marketplace
- 20 Laws Against Overcharging
- 21 Jesus Cleanses the Temple of Merchants
- 22 God Gives the Farmer Wisdom
- 23 Worship When There Is Abundant Provision
- 24 Worship When There Is No Provision
- 25 Provision for Widows, Orphans and Refugees
- 26 Let My People Go
- 27 Paul Appeals for Onesimus' Freedom
- 28 Jehoshaphat's Ungodly Partnership

Gen 2:8-9a,15
Deu 28:1-6,15-19
Gen 2:2-3
Deu 19:14
Lev 25:8-34
Lev 19:35-36
Lev 25:35-37
Mar 11:15-17
Isa 28:24-29
Joe 2:23b-26a
Hab 3:17-18a
Deu 24:17-22
Exo 2:23b-25
Phm 1:10-19
2Ch 20:35-37

Economic Do's and Don'ts

- 29 Do Not Steal
- 30 Work or Don't Eat
- 31 Work So You Can Be a Giver
- 32 Tithe Plus
- 33 Be Diligent
- 34 Be Generous
- 35 Don't Oppress the Poor
- 36 Put God to the Test
- 37 Idolatrous Efforts to Prosper
- 38 No Favoritism Based on Economic Status
- 39 Wealth Does Not Equal True Happiness
- 40 Economic Righteousness
- 41 Prayer Impacts Economic Activity
- 42 Build ... Plant ... Pray ...
- 43 Peter's Miraculous Catch

Deu 5:19
2Th 3:6-12
Eph 4:28
Mat 23:23-24
Pro 6:6-11
Pro 11:24-25
Pro 21:13
Mal 3:10-11
2Ki 21:7-9
Jam 2:1-9
Ecc 5:10-15
Amo 8:4-6
2Ch 7:13-14
Jer 29:4-7
Luk 5:2-7

Economics & Healthcare

- 44 When Physicians Aren't Enough
- 45 The Cost of Medical Care
- 46 The Good Samaritan's Health Plan

2Ch 16:12-13
Mar 5:25-34
Luk 10:30-35

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1Ki 5:14
1Ki 21:1-19
2Ki 5:20-27
Gal 6:6
Lev 6:1-5a
Lev 23:3,7,8,21,25,35,36

Government Sphere Key Passages

God and the Sphere of Government

- 1 God our Judge, Lawgiver and King
- 2 Mercy and Justice
- 3 God Gives a Unique Law
- 4 God Is a Unique Lawgiver
- 5 The Foundations of God's Throne
- 6 King Messiah

Isa 33:22
Jer 7:5-7
Psa 147:19-20
Jam 4:12
Psa 89:14,18
Isa 9:6-7

To Protect Citizens and Safeguard Justice

- 7 The Purpose of Government Is to Protect
- 8 Daughters of Zelophehad
- 9 For Such a Time as This
- 10 Paul Protected by Rome
- 11 Children Not Protected by Herod
- 12 Vigilante-ism Undermines Justice
- 13 Anarchy Undermines Justice
- 14 Bureaucracy Undermines Justice

Rom 13:1-7
Num 27:1-11
Est 4:13-16
Act 23:12-35
Mat 2:16-18
Exo 2:11-15a
Jdg 21:25
Ecc 5:8-9

Principles and Practices of Godly Government

- 15 Righteous Leadership Is a Blessing
- 16 Josiah: Good in the Eyes of the Lord
- 17 Deborah: Women in National Leadership
- 18 Nehemiah's Leadership Integrity
- 19 Joseph Enslaves Egypt
- 20 Pray for Those in Authority
- 21 Fear God and Honor the King
- 22 Biblical Civil Disobedience (#1)

2Sa 23:3b-4
2Ki 22:2
Jdg 4:4-9,14-16
Neh 5:14-18
Gen 47:13-26
1Ti 2:2
1Pe 2:13-17
Dan 3:1-30

Principles for the Executive Branch

- 23 The Law of the Kings
- 24 Solomon: Gold, Horses and Wives
- 25 Asa: a Good King Goes Bad
- 26 Manasseh: a Bad King Goes Good
- 27 Give to Caesar What Is Caesar's
- 28 Biblical Civil Disobedience (#2)

Deu 17:14-20
1Ki 10:1-11:13
2Ch 16:9
2Ch 33:1-20
Mar 12:13-17
Dan 1:5-20

Principles for the Judicial Branch

- 29 Selection, Role and Character of Judges
- 30 Equity in Judgement
- 31 Advocate For The Oppressed
- 32 Verdicts That Produce Peace
- 33 Solomon's Legal Wisdom

Deu 1:15-17
Lev 19:15
Exo 3:9-18
Zec 8:16
1Ki 3:16-28

Principles for the Legislative Branch

- 34 Laws Are to Be Life-giving
- 35 Moses Decrees Good Laws
- 36 Darius Decrees a Bad Law
- 37 Cities of Refuge
- 38 Biblical Civil Disobedience (#3)

Eze 33:15
Deu 4:4-5
Dan 6:6-9
Num 35:9-15
Dan 6:10-24

War and Peace

- 39 Laws for War
- 40 Diplomacy Versus War
- 41 Civil War Destroys a Nation
- 42 Edom Judged for Wartime Disloyalty
- 43 Elisha "Defeats" the King of Aram

Deu 20:1-20
2Sa 10:1-8
Luk 11:17a
Oba 1:11-15
2Ki 6:8-23

Government & Healthcare

- 44 Establishing Healthy Societal Conditions
- 45 Rulers Act to Address Health Problems
- 46 The King Defers to the Prophet

Deu 23:9-14
1Sa 5:6-6:18
2Ki 5:1-14

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2Sa 11:2-27
1Ki 12:4-18
1Sa 13:7b-14
Dan 1:3-4
Jos 9:3-27

Religion Sphere Key Passages

God and the Sphere of Religion

1 Jesus Is Our High Priest	Heb 2:16-18
2 Reconciled to Be Reconcilers	2Co 5:18-20
3 Jesus Is God's Prophet	Joh 6:14
4 The Purpose of Prophecy	1Co 14:3
5 Jesus Is Our Intercessor	Heb 7:24-25
6 When There Is No Intercessor	Eze 22:30-31

The Marks of True and False Religion

7 A New Covenant	Jer 31:33-34
8 True Religion: God First in All.	Heb 11:17-19
9 Greatest Sin #1: Idolatry	2Ki 17:7-18a, 22b-23
10 Genuine Religion: Compassion and Holiness	Jam 1:27
11 Greatest Sin #2: Injustice	Isa 58:1-12
12 Moses Intercedes for Israel (and Egypt!)	Exo 32:7-14
13 God Looks at the Heart	1Sa 16:7
14 Inner Transformation Desired	1Sa 15:22-23
15 What Is the Ultimate Good?	Mic 6:8
16 Repent! Believe! Follow!	Mar 1:14-18
17 Forgiven and Cleansed	1Jn 1:5-9

Biblical Purpose of Religion

18 God Devises Ways to Bring Us Back	2Sa 14:14
19 Why? For Love or for Gain?	Job 1:1-2:10
20 Personal Revelation of God	Job 42:5-6
21 God's Heart Longing Expressed	Psa 81:13-16
22 Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins	Luk 24:47

Two Streams: Mobile and Local Expressions of Church

23 Declare His Glory among the Nations	Psa 96:1-6
24 Paul's Missionary Team	Act 20:4
25 Paul's Ministry Described	Col 1:28-29
26 Levites Called to Serve the Tabernacle	Num 1:48-53
27 James Leads the Church in Jerusalem	Act 15:13-22a

Role of Religious Leaders

28 Doing God's Thing God's Way	1Ch 15:12-13
29 Five-fold Gifts	Eph 4:11-13
30 Qualifications for Church Leadership	Tit 1:5-9
31 Disciplines of a Church Leader	2Ti 2:3-16
32 Come. Go.	Mar 3:14-15
33 Mobile Teams Teaching God's Word	2Ch 17:7-10
34 Ministry of the Prophet	1Sa 12:19-25
35 Prayer and Spiritual Warfare	Eph 6:10-20

God with Us – God at the Center

36 Not Without Your Presence	Exo 33:15-17
37 Named Jesus; Named Emmanuel	Mat 1:20-23
38 Purpose of Jesus' Coming	Mar 10:45
39 Two or Three Gathered in His Name	Mat 18:20

Life of a Jesus-Follower

40 Be Holy	Lev 20:26
41 Fruit of the Spirit	Gal 5:22-25
42 Declare the Excellencies of Him	1Pe 2:9-10
43 Imitate Jesus; Embrace Suffering	1Pe 2:21-25

Religion & Healthcare

44 Levitical Laws for Healthcare	Lev 13:1-46
45 Commissioned to Heal	Mat 10:1,8
46 Prayer Produces Wonderful Results	Jam 5:13-16

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47 Crossover with FAMILY	Jer 32:33-35
48 Crossover with ECONOMICS	Act 8:18-23
49 Crossover with GOVERNMENT	Jdg 6:25-32
50 Crossover with EDUCATION	Mat 13:52
51 Crossover with MEDIA/COMMUNICATION	Rom 10:14-15
52 Crossover with CELEBRATION	2Ch 5:12-14

Education Sphere Key Passages

God and the Sphere of Education

- 1 God Longs to Reveal Himself Relationally
- 2 God the Father Is Our Teacher
- 3 God the Son Is Our Teacher
- 4 God the Holy Spirit Is Our Teacher
- 5 God the Warrior Teaches Us
- 6 God the Shepherd Teaches Us

Exo 6:7
Isa 54:13
Joh 13:12-17
Joh 14:26
Psa 27:1-5,11
Mar 6:34

Goals and Purposes of Biblical Education

- 7 Equipped with Practical Wisdom
- 8 The Purpose of My Instruction
- 9 Applied Truth Brings Blessing to Society
- 10 God Desires Education That Transforms
- 11 Transformed Lives
- 12 Transformed Society
- 13 Revelation in the Potter's House

Pro 1:2-7
1Ti 1:5
Deu 28:13
Deu 5:29-31
Act 4:13
Lev 18:1-5
Jer 18:1-11

Biblical Guidelines for Teachers

- 14 Study – Obey – Teach
- 15 Teach Well
- 16 Spirit and Truth
- 17 Know Your Audience
- 18 Use Didactic Creativity
- 19 Create a Cohortive, Relational Context
- 20 Pray for Your Students
- 21 Judged by a Higher Standard

Ezr 7:10-11
Rom 12:7b
Joh 4:23-24
Mar 7:2-4
Exo 4:1-11
Luk 8:1-2a
Eph 3:14-21
Jam 3:1

Biblical Guidelines for Students

- 22 Imitate the Master
- 23 Consider Jesus
- 24 Hunger for God and His Word
- 25 Approach Learning with Faith in God
- 26 Think about These Things
- 27 Eagerness to Apply
- 28 Teachableness Versus Pride
- 29 Press On. Press On. Press On.

Lev 19:1-2
Heb 3:1
Psa 19:7-11
Jam 1:5-6a
Php 4:8
Mat 7:24-27
Psa 131:1-3
Hos 6:3

Principles and Practices of Biblical Education

- 30 Begin with God's Revelation
- 31 Question Asking is Important!
- 32 Question Asking and Implicational Thinking
- 33 Cultivate Critical Thinking
- 34 Guard Your Heart
- 35 Love Good and Hate Evil
- 36 Faith ... Virtue ... Knowledge
- 37 Role of the Family in Education
- 38 Role of the Church in Education
- 39 Role of the School in Education
- 40 Support Good Teachers!

2Ki 22:8
Jon 1:8
Gen 18:23-33
Lev 10:10-11
Pro 4:20-23
Pro 9:10
2Pe 1:5-8
Pro 3:1-6
Act 19:9b-10
1Ch 27:32
3Jn 1:6b-8

Key Elements of Biblical Education

- 41 Remembering
- 42 Understanding
- 43 Applying
- 44 Analyzing
- 45 Evaluating
- 46 Creating

Deu 4:10
Hag 2:18
1Co 14:35a
Job 42:7
Num 36:1-12
Psa 98:1

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Deu 11:19
Tit 1:11
2Ki 12:2
Neh 8:2-3,7-8
Mar 4:33-34
Psa 60:title

Media/Communication Sphere Key Passages

God and the Sphere of Media/Communication

1 God's Ways Are Diverse	1Ch 28:19
2 God's Ways Are Appropriate	Heb 1:1-2
3 God's Content Is True	1Th 5:19-21
4 God's Content Is Trustworthy	Luk 1:1-4
5 God's Communication Is Transformative	Col 1:6
6 God's Communication Gives Life	Joh 20:30-31

The Purpose of Communication

7 Creates Unity Around God's Purposes	Zep 3:9
8 Creates Life-Enhancing Situations	Pro 10:11
9 Creates Community and Cultural Uniqueness	Est 8:9
10 Provides Trustworthy Information	2Ti 2:2
11 Provides Transformative Information	Isa 61:1-2

Communication to Imitate

12 Inspired by the Spirit	Mat 22:43a
13 Speak like Jesus	Mat 7:28-29
14 Align Your Communication with God's	Rev 22:17a
15 Speak the Truth in Love	Eph 4:15
16 Speak Seasoned with Grace	Col 4:6
17 Speak in Order to Build Up	1Co 14:26
18 Speak in Order to Encourage	Act 9:27
19 Speak with Self-Control	Jam 3:2-12
20 Listen to Godly Advice	Pro 25:11
21 Communicate in the Fear of the Lord	Ecc 12:9-13
22 Be True to Your Words	Gen 31:44-54

Communication to Avoid

23 Do Not Distort God's Character	Num 15:30
24 Do Not Distort Your Neighbor's Character	Deu 5:20
25 Do Not Listen to Ungodly Advice	Psa 1:1-2
26 Do Not Participate in Gossip	Pro 17:4
27 Do Not Participate in Arguments	2Ti 2:23-25
28 Do Not Participate in Complaining	Jud 1:16
29 Do Not Participate in Slander/Mockery	Neh 4:1-4
30 Do Not Participate in Prideful Boasting	Psa 75:4-5

Pursue Vertical Communication with God

31 God Speaks ... We Should Listen	Heb 2:1-4
32 God Speaks ... We Should Speak	Joh 1:1-9
33 God Reveals ... We Can Know	Amo 3:7
34 God Listens ... We Can Speak	Luk 18:35-43
35 God Responds ... We Can Trust	Jdg 6:36-40
36 God Guides ... We Can Follow	Exo 13:21-22

Pursue Horizontal Communication with Your Neighbor

37 One on One	Rom 12:14
38 One to Many	Isa 52:7
39 Many to Many	Psa 68:11
40 A Voice for the Voiceless	Pro 31:8-9
41 High Tech or High Touch?	2Jn 1:12
42 In Times of Crises and Danger	Eze 3:16-21
43 In Times of Joy and Good News	Act 19:17-20
44 In Ways Appropriate for Your Hearers	1Co 9:19-23
45 Know When to Be Silent	Ecc 3:7b
46 The Right Time and Place to Speak	Est 2:10

Crossover Passages

47 Crossover with FAMILY	Gen 49:28
48 Crossover with ECONOMICS	Mat 28:15
49 Crossover with GOVERNMENT	Pro 15:22
50 Crossover with RELIGION	Ecc 5:1-7
51 Crossover with EDUCATION	Pro 2:1-2
52 Crossover with CELEBRATION	Est 8:17

Celebration Sphere Key Passages

God and the Sphere of Celebration

- 1 God's Kingdom Promotes Righteousness
- 2 God's Kingdom Promotes Peace
- 3 God's Kingdom Promotes Joy
- 4 Beauty and Function
- 5 Masterfully Created to Be Master Creators
- 6 Beauty Within and Without

Psa 145:7
Col 3:15
Zep 3:16-17
Psa 19:1
Eph 2:10
Isa 53:2

The Purpose of Celebration

- 7 Affirms That We Are Destined for Joy
- 8 Creates a Safe and Welcoming Space
- 9 Creates a Sacred and Restorative Space
- 10 Releases Gifts of Anointed Craftsmen
- 11 Builds Community
- 12 Clarifies Identity/Destiny
- 13 Blessings and Cultural Honor Protocols
- 14 Creates Cultural Heroes/Role Models
- 15 Promotes True Love
- 16 Strengthens Truth
- 17 Reinforces Hope
- 18 Helps Us Cope with Sorrow
- 19 Catalyst for Good or Corrupted for Evil?
- 20 Use and Abuse of the Arts

Heb 12:1-2
Gen 18:1b-8,16
Exo 25:8-9
Exo 35:30-36:1
Est 9:26b-28
Psa 137:1-6
Mat 26:7-13
Gen 10:8-9
1Co 13:4-7
Isa 42:10-12
Psa 146:5
Ecc 7:1-4
Num 21:8-9
2Ti 3:4b

The Five Senses and God's Design

- 21 Affirmation of Creation and Community
- 22 Taste: An Enjoyable Gift
- 23 Taste: Culinary Excellence Shows Honor
- 24 Touch: Strengthens Relationship
- 25 Touch: Displays True Love
- 26 Smell: Identity and Connections
- 27 Smell: Triggers Opposing Reactions
- 28 Sound: Carries Cultural Stories
- 29 Sound: Declares Redemptive Hopes
- 30 Sight: Dramatic Arts in the Scriptures
- 31 Sight: Visual Arts in the Scriptures

1Jo 1:1-4
Ecc 2:24-26a
1Sa 9:22-24
1Sa 18:4
Luk 7:36-47
Gen 27:26-27
2Co 2:14-16a
Jdg 5:11
Psa 150:1-6
2Sa 14:1-11
Eze 37:1-10

The Prophet/Artist

- 32 The Inner Life of the Prophet/Artist
- 33 Use of the Dramatic Arts
- 34 Use of the Literary Arts
- 35 Use of the Musical Arts
- 36 The Whole Church as Artists
- 37 Individual Financing of the Arts
- 38 Corporate Financing of the Arts
- 39 Repetitive Events Platforming the Arts
- 40 Unique Events Platforming the Arts

Hab 1:1
1Ki 11:29-39
Lam 1:1
2Ki 3:15
Eph 3:10
2Ki 4:8-11
1Ch 25:1-8
Nah 1:15b
Rev 7:9-12

Jesus and the Arts

- 41 Jesus Employed Humor
- 42 Jesus Sang and Quoted Songs
- 43 Jesus Attended Celebratory Events
- 44 Jesus Created Celebratory Events

Luk 14:18-21
Mar 15:34
Joh 2:1-11
1Co 11:23-26

Biblical Principles for Sports

- 45 Target Practice
- 46 Disciplined Training

1Sa 20:18-42
1Co 9:24-27

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Gen 21:8
Pro 17:22
1Ki 1:32-40
Act 16:25-34
Deu 31:19-22
Mat 13:34