

1 **Chapter 17**

Securing Our Inner Courts

2 **Understanding Honor**

- ▶ A system where we validate the worth of someone
- ▶ A system that aligns with God-given authority, not our own judgement of what a person has merited – thereby agreeing with God that the position of the person is worthy of respect
- ▶ A system that seeks the well-being and respect of others, even when doing so will house no direct benefit on ourselves

3 **Respect & Submission**

- Yet while gates separate us as an individual and establish our rights, God calls us to submit to others whenever possible.
- Submission is an act of love, and doesn't in any way take away our spiritual authority and rights as children of God.
- This primarily means we can believe, think or feel with autonomy, without a human being telling us who we are, what we should or how we should feel.

IF WE YIELD TO THE AUTHORITY BEHIND A PERSON WHO IS DIRECTING US AWAY FROM THE TRUTH OF GOD, WE ARE NOT SUBMITTING, BUT YIELDING OUR WILL WRONGFULLY

4 **Marriage & Family Gates**

- ▶ Husband – needs respect more than any other role. He thrives when respected as authority. Respect motivates him, but disrespect offends him.
- ▶ Women – need to be honored in love, not feel that she is hired. Love motivates her, but disrespect breaks her, leading to rebellion or shut-down.
- ▶ Children – need to be respects with ability to make choices at the proper maturity levels. Neglect is disrespecting a children's right to need.

5 **Gate of Expectations**

- Forming reasonable expectations occurs as we are aware of our emotional weakness and are aware of our tendency to deny
- Honoring our family members/close friends/co-workers/bosses meant we validate them positioning, we merit their worth, but we meet them where they are at. Faulty expectations dishonor people as it sets them up for failure.

6 **Conflict with Unevenly Yoked**

- If someone is a non-believer, we can't have many expectations placed on them
- We must learn to use the authority we have in Jesus Christ in the proper way – we can't usurp the order of God.
- See worksheet

7 **Resolving conflict**

Intimacy is gained through forgiveness and grace, not performance.

1. Assess my part.
2. Assess the other person's responsibility

- 3.What does God's truth say?
- 4.How might the enemy be working?

Identifying the problem sets the stage for healthy confrontation.

8 **Conflicts in the family**

- All family conflicts are best resolved by learning to speak the truth in love.
- Each family member needs to learn to individually work on each relationship. That means both parents must encourage the children to work directly with each parent.
- In the same respect, parents need to learn to work with each other, and keep the child outside of the line of discussion and disagreement.
- In fact, in a loving family, the goal will always be for the peace, wholeness and healthy relationship of each family member towards each other.

9 **Ways we can work through problems:**

- ▶ We can point out our perspective or point of view – without using words that say “you are”. This means we are simply offering our side, not pointing fingers.
- ▶ We can explain how we are feeling as a result of behavior or words that were exchanged. WE must avoid “You made me feel hurt”, but learn to simply say “I am feeling hurt.”
- ▶ We can be specific, and not rely on our own assumptions by trying to “mind read” or make improper accusations that are not based on facts
- ▶ We can be absolutely sure we ran our own heart check first and are not simply emotionally reacting.
- ▶ We can be willing to take criticism or negative feedback – being willing to hear something that may oppose the ending we desired
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