

The Undermining of the Family

God created the man and the woman, and “God blessed them, and God said to them, **Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth**, and subdue it...” (Genesis 1:28). Having children was one of the primary reasons for marriage because “...He seeks godly offspring...” (Malachi 2:15). God said to the woman, “...your desire [8669, *longing for*] shall be to your husband, and he **shall rule over you**” (Genesis 3:16). God established the order and purpose of the family at creation.

The traditional family, with the father as the head and the mother as a homemaker, is being mocked and ridiculed, and has been turned upside down in an attempt to destroy it. This upside down culture is described by Isaiah: “As for My people, **children are their oppressors** [5065, *press, harass, to drive*], and **women rule** [4910, *to rule, have dominion, to reign*] **over them. O My people, they which lead you cause you to err** [8582, *to go astray, to wander*], **and destroy the way of your paths**” (Isaiah 3:12).

Who are they who are leading the people astray? The attack against the family is being carried out by the educational, judicial, and political institutions, the media, and the churches. All of these institutions, including the so-called Christian churches, have been infiltrated by the left.

Notice what God has to say about the left: “A wise man’s heart is at his right hand; **but a fool’s heart is at his left**. Yes also, when he that is a fool walks by the way his wisdom fails him, and he says to everyone that he is a fool” (Ecclesiastes 10:2, 3). Those on the left are foolish because they have rejected God. “The fool has said in his heart, *There is no God*. **They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none that does good***” (Psalm 14:1).

The modus operandi of the left is to create divisions among people by pitting one against another. “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand” (Matthew 12:25). Abraham Lincoln said, “America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

The family is the foundation upon which a society is built. It is the family that determines what the following generations are going to be like. When immoral behavior is passed on from one generation to the following generations, it will eventually become accepted as a normal lifestyle. This process follows the Biblical principle of “...a little bit of leaven leavens the whole lump” (1 Corinthians 5:6). Over time, the entire culture will become “leavened” as immorality becomes accepted as the new morality.

The youthful rebellions of the 1960s and 70s were against traditional family values. They had no respect for the rules of a civil society, authority, or law, and they deemed family to be obsolete. It was a time of illicit drug use, communal living that replaced the family, and the belief that there

were no consequences for their immoral sexual behavior. When respect for the morality and the rules that make up a civil society are tossed aside, can tyranny be far behind?

What brought this rebellion against the traditional family about? One of the factors was permissive child rearing inspired by the book *Baby and Child Care*, by Dr. Benjamin Spock (May 2, 1903-March 15, 1998), published in 1946. It is reported to be the second bestselling book of all time, second only to the Bible. Dr. Spock was a left-wing activist who ran for president on the **socialist** People's Party ticket in 1972. Socialism is all about the government controlling the people instead of the people controlling the government.

The basic tenets of Spock's child care philosophy were to hug your child, and to tell him that he's special, loved, and unique, (or make him think that the world revolves around him), feed him when he's hungry, (i.e. **when he demands**), and to discipline with words, not corporal punishment. The permissiveness taught by his book led to a generation of youths who were selfish, lacked self-discipline, were self-indulgent, and had no respect for authority, the rule of law, or morality. This behavior was passed on to the generations that have since followed.

Permissive child rearing is lazy child rearing. "He who spares his rod hates his son: but he who loves him disciplines him **promptly**" (Proverbs 13:24). It is the responsibility of parents to teach responsibility and moral values to their children. Children need to learn that the world does not revolve around them, and that there are consequences for bad behavior. They need to learn that they do not get whatever they want when they want it. Proper correction and teaching will teach self-discipline and taking responsibility for their own actions, which will help them throughout their lives.

The rebellious youths of the 60s and 70s knew that they were going against traditional values with their "new morality." However, many in the generations that have followed have not been taught the basic principles of morality, marriage and family. They have come to see their immoral behavior as normal. As a result, two-parent households are on the decline and cohabitation is on the rise. These trends will ultimately lead to the destruction of the family and our culture. God says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." (Hosea 4:6).

The foolish left follows the ignominious teachings of Marx and Engels. *The Communist Manifesto*, by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, states: "**Abolition of the family!** Even the most radical flare up at this infamous proposal of the communists....Do you charge us with wanting to stop the exploitation of children by their parents? To this crime we plead guilty. But, you will say, we destroy the most hallowed of relations, when we replace home education with social."

The tenth plank of *The Communist Manifesto* is "Free education for all children in public schools...." The control of education is crucial to governments so that they can disseminate their propaganda and social agendas. "Governments have ever been known to hold a high hand over the education of the people. They know, better than anyone else, that their power is based almost

entirely on the school. Hence, they monopolize it more and more.”—Francisco Ferrer (1859-1909).

The government schools have uninhibited access to the minds of the youth, where they can be molded to conform to a new value system that is in tune with the state’s immoral social agendas, such as abortion, homosexuality, lesbianism, transgenderism, and the radical feminist agenda, among others. As a result, the morality of our culture is being turned upside down. “Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil, that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20).

It is the responsibility of the parents to “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). Unfortunately, the parents have dutifully turned over this most important responsibility into the hands of strangers in day care centers, or state-hired teachers in public schools. Do you really know who is teaching your children? Do you know what they are teaching your children? Do you care what they are teaching your children? You had better, because it is going to have a negative effect on your future as well as on theirs.

Getting the mother out of the home and into the work force is another important step in the left’s agenda to destroy the family. “The emancipation of women will only be possible when women can take part in production on a large, social scale, and domestic work no longer claims anything but an insignificant amount of time.”—Friedrich Engels, *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*.

Emancipation means, “to set free.” Some synonyms are liberate, loose, loosen, release, unbind, unchain, unfetter. Setting the woman “free” from her domestic duties to pursue other work is a major step in dividing the family. “...**No woman should have to deny herself any opportunities because of her special responsibilities to her children** [emphasis mine]... Families will finally be destroyed only when a social and economic organization permits peoples’ need for love and security to be met in ways that do not impose divisions of labor, or any external roles at all.”—Linda Gordon, historian.

What an incredibly selfish, self-centered, self-indulgent attitude that is. The Biblical admonition is, “Do nothing through **selfish ambition or empty pride; but in humility consider others more important than your selves**. Let each look not only to your own things, but every man also on the things of others” (Philippians 2:3, 4).

Looking to the needs of others, such as your own children, is of far greater importance than the so-called opportunities that the woman is supposedly going to miss out on by taking care of her children. There is no greater opportunity for a woman than to be able to help teach and raise her children into moral, upstanding adults that will carry on the next generation. That is a benefit to society that is far beyond any other career that a woman could have.

The woman's responsibility is first and foremost for the care of her family. Wives are "...to love their husbands, to love their children, to be self-controlled, pure, **keepers at home** [3626, *managing household affairs*], kind, subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored" (Titus 2:5). To the radical feminists, this constitutes slavery for the woman.

"Since marriage constitutes slavery for women, it is clear that the women's movement must concentrate on attacking this institution. Freedom cannot be won without the abolition of marriage."—Sheila Cronin, leader of the feminist organization NOW.

If marriage is slavery, then the husband must be the slave master. "I feel that man-hating is an honorable and viable political act, that the oppressed have a right to class hatred against the class that is oppressing them."—Robin Morgan, Ms. Magazine Editor.

Hate is "an intense hostility and aversion." It is basically a foolish out-of-control emotional response. "A foolish woman is clamorous [1993, *loud, to murmur, growl, roar, be boisterous*]: she is undisciplined and **knows nothing**" (Proverbs 9:13). Foolishness arises from emotional responses that are devoid of any actual reasonable thought, which is made clear by these feminist statements that have no basis in reality.

Ms. Morgan further states, "We can't destroy the inequities between men and women until we destroy marriage." Inequity means "unjust or unfair." What are the inequities that this feminist is talking about? Apparently Ms. Morgan and her fellow feminists have not noticed that there are **inherent physiological and psychological differences between men and women that cannot be changed**. You are either a male or a female at birth. The numerous differences between male and female are there because **men and women were designed to fulfill different roles**. They were not created to be exact duplicates of one another.

This is not rocket science. A man cannot get pregnant, and give birth to a child, nor can he nurse it. A woman has a womb and breasts so that she can do those things. However, she cannot make herself pregnant. A woman needs a man to accomplish that. Without these inherent differences, the human race would have ceased to exist when Adam and Eve died, and these women would never have existed to worry about the supposed inequities between men and women.

On the psychological side, there are approximately 100 differences in the brains of the two genders. As adults, females tend to be much better multi-taskers than men, which makes them well suited for being homemakers, since homemaking often involves numerous things taking place at the same time. Men are generally better in highly focused projects. Each gender has its strengths and weaknesses because each was created to fulfill a different position that has different requirements.

When paired together, as in a marriage, the numerous physiological and psychological differences are a complement to one another. Just like in a corporation, not everyone is an

accountant, or a secretary, or works on the assembly line, but different people fulfill different tasks. If everyone duplicated the work of each other, the company could not operate efficiently. Likewise, men and women were not created to duplicate each other's work, but to fulfill different tasks within the family.

Some characteristics that are associated with masculinity are independence, self-reliance, aggressiveness, focus and leadership. Some feminine characteristics are being emotional, dependent, nurturing, helpful, sensitive to the needs of others, and gentle.

The characteristics of each gender are important to their particular roles. However, the feminist left wants to reprogram the two genders to overcome these characteristics, which they see as inequities between male and female, by trying to feminize boys and masculinize girls.

Boys are being taught to be ashamed of their masculinity, and to take on feminine traits. Boys need to become less aggressive, more sensitive, and gentle. Girls are being taught to become more independent, tough and aggressive so that they can become the leaders. Needless to say, this is causing psychological problems with both genders. This is blatant child abuse.

In order to help the woman in her quest to overcome the so-called inequities between male and female, the left has forced the lowering of standards in certain professions so that women can become "qualified" for positions for which they are not qualified. When you lower the standards, you are lowering the quality of the product or service that is being rendered.

Some examples are policeman, fireman, and the military. The standards have been lowered in these institutions just to accommodate the woman. This sets dangerous precedents for the safety of the woman and others. Lowering the standards for any particular group just so they can qualify is not only foolish, stupid and ignorant, but it also is not **equitable**.

When paired together, the numerous physiological and psychological differences between men and women can blend together perfectly into a loving relationship, but it doesn't just happen by accident. Anything that is worthwhile requires work. Both parties must do the necessary work to build the marriage relationship.

Of course, having to put forth the effort to build something goes contrary to the mindset of those who have been raised in a permissive, immoral, and self-indulgent culture. Couples can discard marriage vows at the drop of a hat, if they even bothered to get married in the first place. The negative effects on the children do not matter. After all, the children don't need a stable home with both parents. It is far more important that the parents put their own selfish interests ahead of their children.

Producing children is a primary reason for marriage, but due to the overriding "importance" of their "careers," women are delaying marriage and having children. According to Pew Research,

fewer than 20% of 18-29 year olds are married today compared with 59% in 1960. In 2016, for the first time in U.S. history, women in their thirties gave birth to more children than those in their twenties.¹

According to the CDC, the birth rate in 2018 was 1.72. This rate of birth is not enough to replace the parents. Children represent the future of the family and the nation. A nation with a low birthrate is going to become weaker, which will make it more susceptible to being taken over.

The left's agenda of destroying the family has been highly successful thus far. Mothers are the sole or primary breadwinners in 42% of households and that number is continuing to climb.² Women are acquiring more than half of the bachelor's and master's degrees (60/40) over men.³ Nearly all income growth in the U.S. over the past 15-20 years is attributable to women. By 2028, the average American woman is expected to earn more than the average man.⁴

The man is being toppled from his God-given position as breadwinner and head of the family, and too many men are helping the feminists to accomplish it. The men are refusing to take on their responsibility as the sole breadwinner and head of the family. Too many men want their wives to work, which in turn makes women more independent, and thus less dependent on their husbands.

It is not the woman's responsibility to provide for the family, because it is the man's responsibility to provide for his own family: "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own family, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Timothy 5:8). Furthermore, if a man will "...not work, neither shall he eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). **By not taking on their God-given responsibilities, and by being passive, the men are passing the leadership role in their homes to their wives.**

God created the man first, and then He created the woman from the man to be "... a suitable [5048, *in front of, opposite to*] **helper** for him" (Genesis 2:18). Opposite can be defined as "*being the other of a matching or contrasting pair.*" **As previously stated, the man and the woman are not duplicates of one another, but they are a contrasting pair, because God created each to fulfill different roles.**

A helper is "one who helps." Synonyms are aid, apprentice, assistant, deputy, helpmate, mate. Antonyms are hindrance, impediment. The woman was created to be a helper for the man. A

¹ U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2017.

² Center for American Progress, December 2016.

³ Center for American Progress, The Women's Leadership Gap, 2015).

⁴ Brookings Institute, Social Mobility Memo 2018.

helper is not the leader. The man was created physically stronger than the woman because it is his responsibility to be the leader, the provider and the protector of the family. If the woman is duplicating her husband's role as breadwinner, then the husband's position as head of the family is weakened.

Imagine if we had two presidents with equal authority leading the country, and they each had many differing views on how things should be run. It wouldn't work very well. A marriage is not any different. The man must assume his role as head of the family, but he is not to rule over his wife harshly. "Likewise, you husbands, **dwelt with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor** [5092, *value, esteem, dignity*] **to the wife as to the weaker** [772, *without strength*] vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life..." (1 Peter 3:7).

A good wife is to be highly valued. "Who can find a virtuous wife? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband trusts in her. And he will have no lack of gain. **She will do him good and not evil all the days of his life**" (Proverbs 31:10-13).

The virtuous wife is intent on serving her family, not selfishly seeking other opportunities outside of the family. Therefore, "Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her" (v. 28). The virtuous wife is a wise woman because she is intent on building her house, not on destroying it. "Every wise woman builds her house: but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands" (Proverbs 14:1).

It is high time that men and women everywhere start fulfilling their God-given roles instead of just following the ways of this world and its leftist agenda, which leads to destruction.

"Let your fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of your youth. Let her be as a loving deer and a graceful doe; let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and always be enraptured with her love" (Proverbs 5:18-19). "...He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourishes [1625, *to feed, to promote health and strength*] and cherishes [2282, *to warm, to foster with tender care*] it..."(Ephesians 5:28-29).

No man is perfect, nor is any woman perfect. We all have our flaws. If we focus on the other's positive attributes instead of the real or imagined negatives, then we are building our marriage. Therefore, "[L]et every one of you...love his wife; and the wife see that she respect her husband" (v. 33).