

WEEK THIRTY-TWO, DISCIPLE MAKING

Chapter 9, "A Father and Husband's Protection," and Chapter 10, "A Wife and Mother's Lasting Beauty." *RSG*

We are covering a lot of ground this week. Men, you are skimming chapter 8 and discussing chapter 9. Ladies, you are discussing chapter 10 and skimming chapter 11. While skim can sometimes be a polite way of saying, "skip," that's not true in this case. I strongly urge you to read both chapters in your assignments this week.

The following questions are given to aid you as you lead the discussion this week and apply the truths from Chapter 9 and 10. It is not imperative for you to use these questions or to cover all of them.

Chapter 9 (Men):

- **Logan writes, "If Exodus 20:5 and other verses like it teach anything, they teach that whatever iniquity plagues a father can affect his family for generations. The very area where a dad is in bondage will be the thing that Satan uses to trip up his kids . . . Any sin a father practices in moderation, his children will practice to excess " (Page 120, Pages 150-151 NE). Discuss where you have seen this principle played out either in your life or your family.**
- **Discuss Logan's statement, "Iniquity (*which is mentioned in Exodus 20:5 as the element which is visited to the third and fourth generation*) is self-will in a particular area . . . That is, any area of your life you don't want the Holy Spirit to control, Satan will seek to control" (Page 120, Page 150 NE). To help us apply this truth, what are some examples of iniquity? Also, what does this principle look like as it is lived out in the third and fourth generation?**
- **Under the section, "A Father's Protection," Logan notes, "Bill's experience underscores again that God put a father in the home**

to be the protector of that home, to shield his wife and children from destructive influences. What we as fathers allow to come into our home will either have a positive or a negative effect on our families . . . If a father is so important to the spiritual life of his family, where do you think the enemy will attack to get a family off course? He'll attack the father" (Page 122, Pages 152-153 NE). Discuss how fathers are being attacked in today's culture and the impact that has.

- Again, please draw attention to the "Higher Ground, A Husband's Battle Plan" that Logan gives (Page 126, Page 159 NE).

Chapter 10 (Women):

- Logan reminds us that spiritual warfare is not only for men. "When we look at the pictures of battle and warfare, we usually see men with dirt on their faces and torn battle jackets. When we watch scenes of warfare, we usually hear lots of male grunting. But the picture is incomplete when we're discussing spiritual warfare, for women are not exempt. Women are soldiers in the battle as well" (Page 129, Page 163 NE). Is spiritual warfare a reality that women embrace or does it seem "too masculine?" How might women perceive spiritual warfare differently than men?
- Logan notes, "To understand where women are especially vulnerable to the enemy's attack, we need to see what the Scriptures indicate a woman's emphasis should be as a wife and mother . . . By looking at these inner attributes of meekness and quietness we can see the two areas where a woman is most vulnerable to Satan's influence, because they touch on what is deepest with her" (Pages 129-130, Pages 163-164 NE). Do you agree that these two areas are where women are most often attacked or are there more important areas of attack to discuss?

- **In discussing anger, Logan writes, “Satan would love nothing better than to exploit a woman’s frustration with her husband and push her toward the devastating emotion of bitterness. Then she begins to attack and tear down her husband rather than show him respect, and he will react to her anger. Now the enemy has both spouses bound up, and the children are wide open for harassment” (Page 131, Page 166 NE). Discuss the danger of a wife getting angry/bitter with her husband and how Satan works in that situation.**
- **The second area of frequent attack by Satan on women, according to Logan, is fear. He writes, “As a woman, are you allowed to fear? Yes according to Scripture, you can have one fear, a holy fear—the fear or reverence for God . . . When a woman gives into fear, she tends to take things in her own hands—things she wasn’t supposed to take on” (Page 132, Pages 166-167 NE). Discuss how Satan attacks women in the area of fear.**

Our verses next week are Ephesians 6:15-16.