

## SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Psalm 127 is a Psalm for the home.
- b) Everyone who talks about Heaven is not going there.
  - i) We need to prepare our homes.
    - (1) We need to get our children ready to go to Heaven.
- c) Psalm 127
- d) God gave to the man an instinct to protect his wife and his children.
- e) When God put Adam in the Garden of Eden, He gave Adam two distinct responsibilities.
  - i) One was to dress the garden.
  - ii) The other was to keep it.
    - (1) He is to be the provider.
    - (2) He is to be the protector.
- f) The question has been asked that if you won't defend your kids, then whom will you defend?
  - i) What are you willing to fight for if it is not your children?
- g) John 10:10
  - i) There is a thief, a murderer, and a destroyer loose.
    - (1) He is in your neighborhood.
    - (2) He may be in your living room.
    - (3) Your protective instincts need to do something about it.
- h) In today's message, we will look at what Satan wants to steal, what we are up against, and how we can guard our homes and protect our children.

2) THE TREASURES THAT SATAN WANTS TO STEAL

- a) Satan wants to steal our fellowship with God.
  - i) Pornography steals fellowship with God.
  - ii) God is light; in Him is no darkness at all.
    - (1) 1 John 1:5
    - (2) 1 John 1:3-4
      - (a) Someone who is into pornography has no joy.
        - (i) For the Bible says, "What fellowship hath light with darkness?"
          - 1. 1 Corinthians 6:14
  - iii) If we have no fellowship with God, then we have no fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.
    - (1) We have no joy.
  - iv) The Bible says that Satan is a thief.
    - (1) John 10:10
  - v) Pornography has a great appeal with our youth.
    - (1) We need to teach them that the greatest treasure is fellowship with God.
  - vi) Why would we sacrifice our fellowship with God?
  - vii) We cannot walk in darkness and have fellowship with Him who is light.
- b) Satan wants to kill love.

- i) Pornography kills love.
  - ii) Love is the second great treasure.
  - iii) Pornography is antithetical to love.
    - (1) Lust and love are opposites.
  - iv) Love is the greatest virtue.
    - (1) 1 Corinthians 13:3
  - v) To love is the greatest commandment.
    - (1) Matthew 22:37-38
  - vi) Pornography is the opposite of love.
    - (1) It treats people as objects, things to be used.
    - (2) It is degrading, brutal, and loveless.
  - vii) The devil wants to bring death to the innocence of our children, to purity, and to happiness.
  - viii) The devil wants to bring spiritual, physical, and eternal death.
  - ix) Satan is a murderer.
    - (1) One of his chief weapons is pornography.
  - c) Satan wants to destroy our families.
    - i) Pornography destroys families.
    - ii) Satan wants to destroy the family because the family is the basic unit of society.
      - (1) Take away our families and our churches, cities, nation, and civilization are decimated.
    - iii) Satan wants to deceive man, defile his mind, destroy the home, and dominate the world.
  - d) Satan is a thief, a murderer, and a destroyer.
    - i) And we are called to guard our hearts and to protect our homes.
      - (1) Where are the men of God today?
      - (2) Where are the mothers who will stand up today?
  - e) Pornography is dangerous because of its availability, its affordability, and because it is so anonymous.
    - i) Pornography today is so available.
      - (1) Pornography is everywhere.
        - (a) You go to the corner market, and there is pornography.
        - (b) You stroll through the mall, and there is pornography.
    - ii) Pornography is affordable.
    - iii) Someone can watch it with anonymity.
      - (1) It can be watched in a hotel room or in a bedroom with a computer.
    - iv) These three things Satan has used to steal, to kill, and to destroy.
      - (1) Christians are not immune to pornography.
- 3) WHAT WE ARE UP AGAINST
- a) We are up against television itself.
    - i) Television has become the devil's pipeline into the home.
    - ii) Television is becoming more and more vile.

- iii) Situational comedies want us to laugh at that which is obscene.
  - (1) The devil is very wise in some ways.
    - (a) He knows that what he can get us to laugh at we will never take seriously again.
      - (i) So, he wants people to laugh at immorality, homosexuality, brutality, perversion, adultery, and sodomy.
- iv) We talk about educational television.
  - (1) All television is educational.
    - (a) Everything that kids see gives them an education.
    - (b) It may not be the education that we would choose or what we would want.
- v) It has been said that television is an invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people that you would not have into your home.
- b) We are up against the movie theater and videos.
  - i) Some in the entertainment industry have said in years past that they seek an R-rating on their films in order to attract the teenagers.
    - (1) Teenagers shun PG and PG-13 films because they think that if they watch those, then that is a sign they are immature.
- c) We are up against the internet.
  - i) The internet is the fastest growing distribution channel for illegal pornography.
    - (1) It may come to your child unsolicited.
      - (a) Videos and messages are adapted to children.
- d) Another source that the devil wants to use to steal, to kill, and to destroy is the pornographic magazine.
  - i) Many kids had their first experience with pornographic magazines at a friend's house.
    - (1) For others, it was pornographic material that belonged to their father.
- e) We cannot ignore this attack on our children and our homes.
- f) Pornography is not a victimless crime.
  - i) Those who are into it are victims.
    - (1) Perhaps self-induced victims, but they are still victims.
- g) Some may say that we need to ignore it; or that after a while, people will get bored with it, and it will go away.
  - i) Do you believe you can put out a fire with gasoline?
  - ii) When people get bored with common, ordinary pornography, they then go into something more perverse, more brutal, and more wicked.
- h) Pornography is so vile because it is so addictive.
  - i) It is something that does not satiate, but a person feeds upon it to his own destruction.

- 4) TEN STRATEGIES FOR GUARDING YOUR HOME AND PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN
- a) Fathers are to protect their homes and guard their hearts.
  - b) There is victory.
    - i) Psalm 127:1-2
      - (1) God will protect your home if you will get in concert with Him.
        - (a) We don't have to throw in the towel.
      - ii) Romans 12:21
      - iii) 1 John 4:4
    - c) Lead your children to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
      - i) This is the starting place.
      - ii) When you lead your children to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, not only do you deliver their souls from Hell, but you are also going to ensure that they can have three great values of life.
        - (1) They can have fellowship with God.
        - (2) They can truly love, for love is of God.
          - (a) 1 John 4:7
        - (3) They can have a happy home.
          - (a) Psalm 127:1
      - iii) Are your children saved?
        - (1) Do your children know the Lord?
      - iv) Pray over them, weep over them, and bring them to Jesus Christ.
        - (1) When you do that, you take the policeman off the street corner and put him in the human heart.
    - d) Help your children to discern true values.
      - i) Moses had discernment.
        - (1) Because Moses had discernment, he saw the difference between good and evil.
          - (a) Then, Moses chose the good and refused the evil.
            - (i) Hebrews 11:24-26
        - ii) If a dog has a nasty bone in his mouth and you try to take it away from him, then you might get bit.
          - (1) But if you put a steak on the ground, then the dog will drop the bone to get the steak.
          - (2) What happens in the dog's mind is this:
            - (a) First, the dog discerns.
              - (i) He looks.
              - (ii) There's the bone; there's the steak.
                - 1. This is better than this.
            - (b) Then, there is a choice.
              - (i) He wants the steak.
              - (ii) He chooses the steak.
            - (c) Then, he refuses the bone.
          - iii) Parents need to help their children understand what the values of life are:

- (1) Fellowship with God.
- (2) The ability to love.
- (3) To have a godly family.
- (4) Don't let your children sacrifice these things.
- iv) Help them to see through Satan's lies.
  - (1) All pornography is based on a lie.
    - (a) The lie is that this is something good, tantalizing, and that it will somehow satisfy.
    - (2) Let the air out of Satan's lies.
    - (3) Help your children to see that Satan is a liar.
- e) Teach your children the principles of purity.
  - i) Teach them how to control their thought life.
    - (1) Psalm 118
      - (a) There is a plan.
        - (i) It is very clear and plain.
- f) Cover your children with prayer.
  - i) Pray for them every day.
  - ii) Pray for them at night.
  - iii) Call them by name.
  - iv) The wonderful thing about prayer is that it can go where you cannot.
  - v) You can start praying for your children when they are babies.
  - vi) Ask the Lord to keep them strong and pure.
  - vii) Saturate them in prayer.
  - viii) You are in a spiritual battle.
    - (1) One of your chief weapons is prayer.
- g) Make a family covenant.
  - i) One of the most diabolical lies of the devil is the concept of "adult entertainment."
    - (1) It is not adult.
      - (a) It is infantile, and it is wicked.
    - (2) The concept of "adult entertainment" says to a child:
      - (a) That he can't watch this because he is not old enough.
      - (b) That it is alright for dad and mom.
      - (c) But one of these days, he will be old enough to enjoy what we enjoy.
  - ii) How to make a family covenant:
    - (1) The father gets the children together and tells them that they are going to make a covenant together.
    - (2) The father tells the children the following:
      - (a) He believes that pornography is wrong.
      - (b) He wants them to be able to love.
      - (c) He wants them to be able to have fellowship with God.
      - (d) He wants them to have a happy family.

- (3) The father promises the children and their mother that he will never watch anything in their absence that he would not watch in their presence.
  - (a) He promises before God.
- (4) The children make a covenant with him before God that they will never watch anything in his absence that they would not watch in his presence.
- (5) Write the covenant out, and sign it before God on your knees.
- (6) Then, have some token of the covenant, a symbol.
  - (a) In the book of the Revelation, the Lord speaks of giving to those that love Him a white stone.
    - (i) Revelation 2:17
- (7) Make a solemn covenant before God.
  - (a) That is what Job did.
    - (i) Job 31:1
- h) Memorize Scriptures.
  - i) Psalm 119:11
  - ii) When we put the right thing in our minds, then there is no room for the wrong thing.
  - iii) Psalm 119:9
  - iv) We cannot think two thoughts at one time.
    - (1) If we memorize and meditate on Scripture, then we are going to be thinking God's thoughts after Him.
  - v) A wonderful family project would be to memorize Scripture together.
    - (1) When your kids learn Scripture, recognize them for it and pay them.
      - (a) This is not bribing them.
      - (b) This is rewarding them.
        - (i) A bribe is an inducement to do evil.
        - (ii) A reward is a recognition for doing good.
      - (c) The Bible teaches the idea of rewards.
      - (d) Reward children for learning Scripture.
        - (i) It will be one of the best investments that you can make.
    - (2) Psalm 119:11
  - i) Create the right atmosphere in your home.
    - i) Scripture mottos on the wall.
      - (1) The Ten Commandments, for example.
    - ii) The right kind of music.
    - iii) Plan wholesome entertainment.
    - iv) Make your home the best place in the neighborhood to be.
      - (1) Make it the kind of place that your children's friends want to come to.
    - v) Let your home ring with laughter.
    - vi) Let your home be permeated with love.
  - j) Remove temptations.
    - i) Deuteronomy 22:8

- (1) A battlement is a wall, a parapet wall.
- (2) The rooftop in Bible times was a patio.
  - (a) It was a place where they would dry their foods.
  - (b) It was a place where they would go in the evening and sit.
  - (c) Sometimes they would have their meals up there.
  - (d) Peter was on the rooftop praying when he had a vision.
    - (i) Acts 10:9-16
  - (e) Rahab was drying the flax, and she hid the spies on the rooftop.
    - (i) Joshua 2:6
  - (f) People, in the Bible, lived on the rooftop.
- (3) In this verse, God said to put a wall around the roof.
  - (a) This would keep someone from falling off.
    - (i) If you don't put up a wall and someone falls, then their blood is on your hands.
- ii) Ultimately, there is nothing we can do to keep our kids from watching pornography.
  - (1) God has given them a will.
  - (2) But don't build a home that is dangerous for the children.
    - (a) If they want to climb over the wall and jump off, then that would break your heart.
    - (b) But you don't want to have the kind of home where they fall accidentally because you have not removed the temptations from that home.
      - (i) You need at least to build the wall.
        1. Psalm 127:1
- iii) Romans 13:14
  - (1) Don't make provisions for the flesh.
    - (a) Guard the use of the computer.
      - (i) Don't have any online service without a good filter.
      - (ii) Put the computer in a public area in your home.
        1. Don't let your teen have a computer alone in his or her bedroom.
      - (iii) Spend time on the internet with your child.
        1. See what he is watching.
        2. Learn something about it yourself.
        3. Teach them to never open up an unsolicited email from someone they do not know.
      - (iv) If your child has a password for his computer, then have him give it to you.
      - (v) Limit the time on the computer.
      - (vi) If they find anything objectionable, then let them feel free to come and talk to you about it.
        1. Don't put them down for finding it.
        2. Commend them for sharing it with you.



- (vii) Tell them never to fill out any kind of a questionnaire without your permission and knowledge.
  - (b) Learn to tame the television.
    - (i) Cancel some of the subscriptions that come into your home.
      - 1. Find a package that you can live with, and monitor it.
    - (ii) As a family, choose some programs to watch.
      - 1. Watch them along with your children.
  - (c) Guard the magazines and the books.
    - (i) Go through your house and get rid of any bad magazines, books, videos, etc.
    - (ii) Acts 19:19
    - (iii) Let Jesus help you do a house cleaning if you want your home to be protected.
  - (d) Investigate your children's friends.
    - (i) That is the reason to make your house the fun place to be.
      - 1. Let your house be headquarters.
    - (ii) Everybody else does not have the standards that you have.
  - (e) Screen movies carefully.
    - (i) Your child may feel like an outsider because he may not see certain movies like the other children do.
      - 1. Teach them that they are not different; they are distinctive.
      - 2. Teach them how to stand alone.
- k) Teach your daughters to dress modestly.
  - i) Modest dress is beautiful.
  - ii) Matthew 5:28
    - (1) If you dress to entice him to lust, then you are an accomplice to the crime.
- l) Learn to counterattack.
  - i) Romans 12:21
  - ii) There are times when you cannot keep these things from happening.
    - (1) You walk through the mall, there it is.
    - (2) You turn on the television, there it is.
    - (3) You can't go around with blinders.
      - (a) But you can counterattack.
  - iii) The difference between people is not primarily "what" they think about as it is "how" they think about what they think about.
    - (1) When you are with your child and you see someone looking through an obscene magazine, use that as a teaching tool.
      - (a) You could ask the following:
        - (i) What do you think God thinks about that?
        - (ii) What do you think God would have us to do?
        - (iii) Can you think of a good Scripture that would help you in a situation like that?
          - 1. Learn how to counter attack and turn it back on the enemy.

## 5) CONCLUSION

- a) As you see family values descending, you need to fight for your kids, your family, and for your church.
- b) You want your children to have these three great values:
  - i) Fellowship with God.
  - ii) The ability to love.
  - iii) A Christian home.
    - (1) Pornography is the enemy of all of that.
- c) There's one thing you can do:
  - i) Rather than complaining about what you can't do, you can guard your heart and protect your home.
- d) If you've never given your heart to Jesus Christ, the Bible teaches that He will save you if you'll receive Him by faith.
- e) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- f) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31
  - v) John 3:16