

Fathers' Studies: Family Responsibilities

"...that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

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THE LIE (HUMANISM)

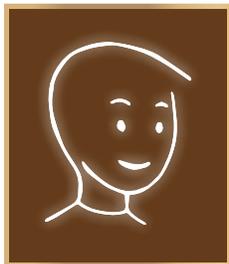
LESSON AIM: To understand "The Lie" and how it affects our families.

KEY VERSE:

1. **COLOSSIANS 2:8** Be careful how you accept big-sounding ideas. Often these ideas come from man and not from _____.
2. **ROMANS 1:25** People who care more about what God made than about God Himself have traded the truth of God for _____.
3. **GENESIS 3:4-5** Satan deceived Adam and Eve by telling them that they could be _____.
4. **MARK 7:9-13** Jesus said that some people put away the laws that God gave for the family, and keep _____.
5. **2 PETER 2:2-3** God warns against people who tell lies and false stories in order to _____.

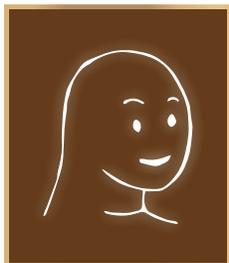
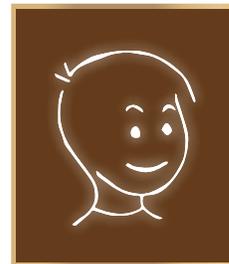
PERSONAL NOTES:

For You To Do



By Yourself

Take each item in the second list on the back of this page. Find a Bible verse that shows that the statement is true. Write the reference beside the item.



With Your Wife

Explain to her what humanism is and how it operates. Then together be on guard against its effects on your family. [Humanism is explained on the back of this page]

With Your Children

Train them to recognize "The Lie". Read through a popular magazine. Look for ideas from the list on the back of this page. Example: Advertisements often seem to tell us to enjoy life now, since there is no life after death.

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Today Christians are alarmed by the increase of court decisions, government policies, and teaching in public schools that seem to be directed against the Christian family and church.

One cause of these decisions is a belief called humanism. This belief is trying to take the place of Christian beliefs in the minds of God's people.

HUMANISM SAYS THAT:

- man is the highest
- man is totally good
- man is an animal
- man came from lower forms of life
- government is responsible for the moral training of children
- evil comes from bad surroundings
- what is right and wrong depends upon each situation
- children should be free to choose their own standards of conduct
- there is no life after death
- there is no personal God

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT:

- God is the highest
- man has sinned and needs a Saviour
- man is made in the image of God
- man was created by God
- parents are responsible for the moral training of children
- evil comes from Satan
- right and wrong are decided by what the Bible says
- parents are responsible to train and discipline children to do right
- man lives forever, in heaven or hell
- God is a person and asks us to be like Him

Some humanists have organized and published literature about their beliefs. They are sowing seeds of rebellion against Christian beliefs. They plan to use education to make children think the way they want them to think.

As a Christian you need a clear understanding of this present time in history, as the men of Issachar had (1 Chronicles 12:32). You must be aware that humanism comes in like a flood through radio, TV, movies, education, government and literature. What can you do to protect your family?

1. Be aware that this is happening and help others recognize humanism.
2. Teach your family convictions, character, and ways of life from the Bible.
3. Choose Christian teachers for your children.
4. Stand firm in your faith and your belief on Bible truth.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:9-10, 1 JOHN 4:1-3, JUDE 3, 4

SINFUL MEN AND FALSE TEACHERS WILL GO FROM BAD TO WORSE. THEY WILL LEAD OTHERS THE WRONG WAY AND WILL BE LED THE WRONG WAY THEMSELVES. (2 TIMOTHY 3:13)

Humanism is aimed at destroying the Christian family and church.

The beliefs of humanism are the opposite of Bible teachings; therefore, humanism is a lie.

What to do:

- be aware of Humanism
- teach Bible convictions
- provide Christian influences
- stand firm in your faith

WINDOW TO LIFE

George was worried about the school that his daughter was attending. Some of the textbooks said things that made the Bible appear to be wrong. Her teacher, by his example, was showing that some things are right which the Bible says are wrong. After discussing the situation with the school principal, George decided to take his daughter out of that school. He put her in a school that respected Christian beliefs. He now feels satisfied because his daughter is not being taught ideas which attack his beliefs and the Bible.

