

Important Elements that Influence a Christian Home

II Timothy 3:15; Proverbs 4:1–4

One that determines to have a Christian home must remove bad influences and bring in good influences. A Christian home will be defined by what is placed into it, more than what is taken out of it. A Christian home is one with Christ at its center, not sports, entertainment, etc.... Christ must have the pre-eminence (Col. 1:18). There are ways we can help develop that in our daily lives.

I. Keep Order in the Home

- A. God commanded that we do things _____ and in _____ (I Cor. 14:40).
- B. Constant disorder brings _____ to children's hearts.
- C. Children must be taught _____ for order in their own lives.

II. Have structure in the home

- A. God created everything with _____ and structure (Psa. 104:19; Jer. 8:7; 31:35–36; Ecc. 3:1–2; Gen. 8:22).
- B. We are designed to _____ with schedule and correction (Prov. 29:15).
- C. Responsibilities should be attended to _____ (Prov. 10:5).
- D. _____ times must be structured (Prov. 6:6-11).

III. Evaluate the Music in your home (Eph. 5:18–19)

A. Music was created by the _____.

1. _____ was created a musical being (Ezek. 28:13).
2. The result of _____ was a corruption of musical principles (Ezek. 28:15).

B. Some music encourages spiritual living and other music encourages fleshly living.

- The music we listen to reveals the order or disorder of our spiritual life. It also influences the disorder of a spiritual life.
 1. A song can be spiritual or fleshly without any _____ (Ex. 32:17–19; I Sam. 16:23).
 2. Biblical music will be based on _____ and teaches believers (Col. 3:16).
 3. Music can be used in _____ worship (Dan. 3:7)

C. The Effects of music

1. Proper Music

Order of submission	Parts of Man	Parts of Music
Master	Spirit	Melody
Steward	Soul	Harmony
Slave	Body	Rhythm (Rheo) pulse

- a. The spirit is in control and influenced by simple melody.
- b. The soul operates in order and harmony when melody is predominant (Isa. 26:3).
 - 1) Mind
 - 2) Will
 - 3) Emotions
- c. The body is placed under the influence of the spirit since the rhythm is kept under control (I Cor. 9:27).

2. Improper music

Order of submission	Parts of Man	Parts of Music
Master	Body	Rhythm (Rheo) pulse
Steward	Soul	Harmony
Slave	Spirit	Melody

- a. The body is driven by the beat and is controlled by the music.
- b. The soul is affected through the emotions rather than the mind. Many confuse an emotional experience with a spiritual experience because a spiritual experience is contemplated in the mind before the emotions.
 - 1) Emotions
 - 2) Will
 - 3) Mind
- c. The spirit is mostly neglected and therefore the music has no spiritual benefit.

IV. Exposing our children to godly influences

A. Paul had a great _____ on Timothy's life (Acts 16:1; II Tim. 1:5-7).

B. Children should be brought to _____ and church services (Matt. 19:13-15).