### BIBLICAL SEXUALITY JourneyMen, April 10, 2013 PART IV: SEXUALITY AND MAINTAINING PURITY Session 11: "Perpetuating Purity In My Family Life"

## THE POWER OF A FATHER'S DIRECTION (Ephesians 5:25-6:5)

Fathers promote purity among their children by <u>modeling</u> with their lives.

Fathers promote purity among their children by <u>loving</u> their wives.

Fathers promote purity among their children by maintaining a <u>climate of influence</u>.

A Climate of Control

A Climate of Care

## THE PRIORITY OF CHARACTER FORMATION

The importance of the heart. (Luke 6:45).

The importance of <u>self-control</u>.\_(Proverbs 25:26; 16:32).

The importance of <u>wisdom</u>. (Genesis 39; Proverbs 5).

### A PLAN FOR PROGRESSIVE REVELATION

Principles for teaching your children about sex.

- 1. Progressively reveal information at <u>age-appropriate</u> levels.
- 2. Teach God's perspective the beauty and boundaries of sex.
- 3. Take advantage of formal and informal times of <u>communication</u>.
- 4. Develop a <u>plan</u> for communication that answers what, when and how.



Helpful Resources for teaching your children about sex.

- Foundation for Moral Purity, Dennis and Barbara Rainey (audio series).
- <u>Beyond Abstinence</u>, Dennis and Barbara Rainey (audio series).
- Moral Innocence, Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo, (video series).
- <u>Preparation For Adolescence</u>, Dr. James Dobson, (book and audio series)
- The Story of Me (book 1: Ages 3-5), Brenna Jones
- Before I was Born (book 2: Ages 5-8), Carolyn Nystrom
- <u>What's the Big Deal? Why God Cares about Sex</u> (book 3), Brenna Jones
- Facing the Facts: Truth about Sex & You (book 4), Brenna Jones

# **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

- 1. How would you describe the relational climate of your home? What changes do you think need to be made?
- 2. What do you think happens in a home where Dad's commitment to purity is less than the commitment he expects of his children?
- 3. Do you have a plan for communicating to your children about sex?