

How Should We Then Vote?
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Divine Institution #3:

Family: The Bedrock of the Nation

The Foundations of Social Order

The Divine Institutions

Psa. 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

The Divine Institutions

1. Individual responsibility

PRE-FALL

2. Marriage

3. Family

**Designed to promote
productivity and advance
civilization**

4. Government, judicial

POST-FALL

5. Nations

6. Israel

Designed to restrain evil

What is a Divine Institution?

Absolute social structures instituted by God for the entire human race—believers and unbelievers alike.

Designed by God for the “perpetuation, preservation, protection, and prosperity of the human race.”

“the protection, conservation, fostering, and improvement of human life.” ~Martin Luther

A Divine Institution is not a social construct.

WHAT IS A FAMILY?

... the union of one man and one woman in marriage which has been blessed with one or several natural or adopted children.

... an organic union that combines father, mother, and children (natural or adopted) into a cohesive unit—

Thus both parents, father and mother, are integral in the rearing and training of their children to enable them to be adults who live lives to glorify God, and to be a blessing to those around them, and the surrounding culture and civilization.

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; ...’

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ ”

Deut. 6:6, “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

Deut. 6:7, “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deut. 6:8, “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deut. 6:9, “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Psa. 127:3, “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward.

Psa. 127:4, “Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth.

Psa. 127:5, “Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.”

Luke 2:52, “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

Prov. 1:1, “The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

Prov. 1:2, “To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding,

Prov. 1:3, “To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity;

Prov. 1:4, “To give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion—”

Prov. 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

**חנך *chanak* qal
imper masc sing
to train, dedicate**

Prov. 1:8, “My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother;

Prov. 1:9, “For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck.”

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2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Heb. 12:5, “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: *‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;*

Heb. 12:6, “ ‘*For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.*’ ”

Heb. 12:7, “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?”

Heb. 12:8, “But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.”

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Prov. 10:13, “Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, but a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.”

Prov. 13:24, “He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.”

Prov. 26:3, “A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the fool’s back.”

Prov. 29:15, “The rod and rebuke give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.”

Eph. 6:4, “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

Col. 3:20, “Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

Col. 3:21, “Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”

**John 8:29, “And He who sent Me is with Me.
The Father has not left Me alone, for I always
do those things that please Him.”**

Eph. 6:1, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Eph. 6:2, “ ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise:

Eph. 6:3, “ ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.’

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Deut. 21:18, “If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them,

Deut. 21:19, “then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city.”

Deut. 21:20, “And they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’

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Ex. 21:15, “And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.”

What did American's Founding Fathers think about family?

“Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom.”

~John Adams

**“Let them revere nothing but Religion,
Morality and Liberty.”**

**~John Adams, advising his wife Abigail
about training their sons, 1776**

“[T]he importance of piety and religion; of industry and frugality; of prudence, economy, regularity and an even government; all ... are essential to the well-being of a family.”

~Samuel Adams, 1780

“The happiest moments of my life have been the few which I have past at home in the bosom of my family.”

~Thomas Jefferson, letter to Francis Willis, Jr., April 18, 1790

“It is the duty of parents to maintain their children decently, and according to their circumstances; to protect them according to the dictates of prudence; and to educate them according to the suggestions of a judicious and zealous regard for their usefulness, their respectability and happiness.”

~James Wilson, *Lectures on Law*, 1791

“The foundation of national morality must be laid in private families ... How is it possible that Children can have any just Sense of the sacred Obligations of Morality or Religion if, from their earliest Infancy, they learn their Mothers live in habitual Infidelity to their fathers, and their fathers in as constant Infidelity to their Mothers?”

~John Adams, Diary, 1778