



“every CITY OR HOUSE
DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF
WILL NOT STAND”

Matthew 12:25

*How to endeavor to
keep the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of
peace?*



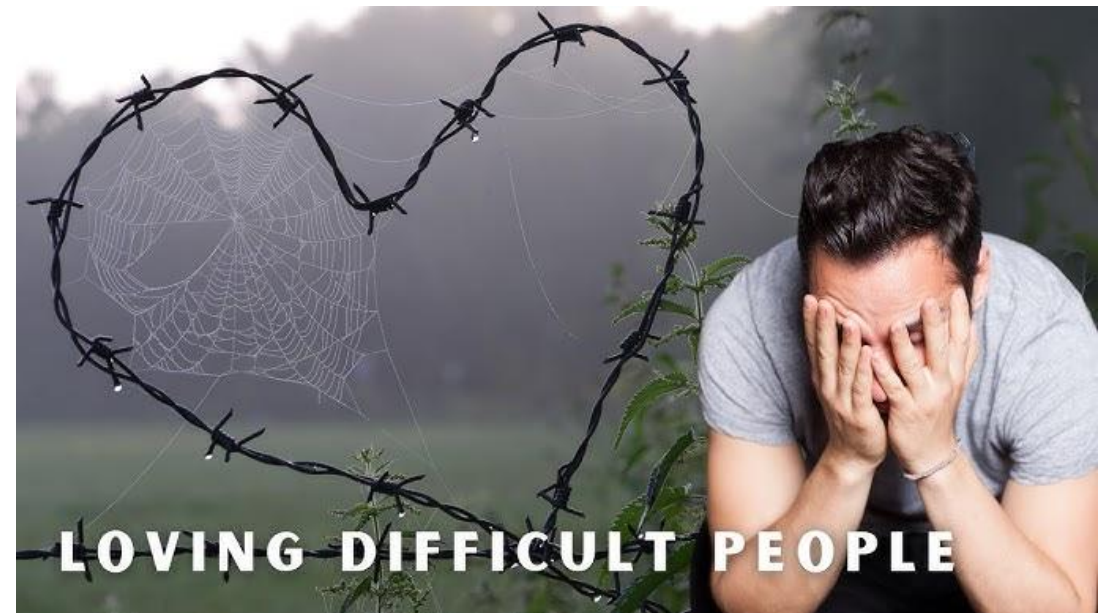
A painting of a family of four sitting in a field at sunset. The father and mother are sitting on the right, with two young boys on the left. They are all looking down at an open book held by the mother. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of the setting sun, with rays of light visible in the background. The landscape features rolling hills, trees, and a small house in the distance.

THE FOUR FOUNDATIONS

1. When love grows up
2. Gentle Victory
3. The view from above
4. The rock of piety

I. WHEN LOVE GROWS UP₍₁₎

- From feelings to faithfulness.
- Bearing with one another in love – Love suffers long and is kind.
- It thinks no evil – Does no evil.



I. WHEN LOVE GROWS UP ₍₂₎

- It focuses more on what can I do – How can I change? – What are my duties?
- Seeing the other with the eyes of grace.
- It doesn't behave rudely.



II. GENTLE VICTORY ⁽¹⁾

- “...walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness”

Ephesians 4: 1 – 2

- The mindset of victory by winning the other, not defeating him/her.
- Ability to submit to one another.



II. GENTLE VICTORY ₍₂₎

- Conquering the Rule of the Ego and its wounds.
- The example of Abigail.



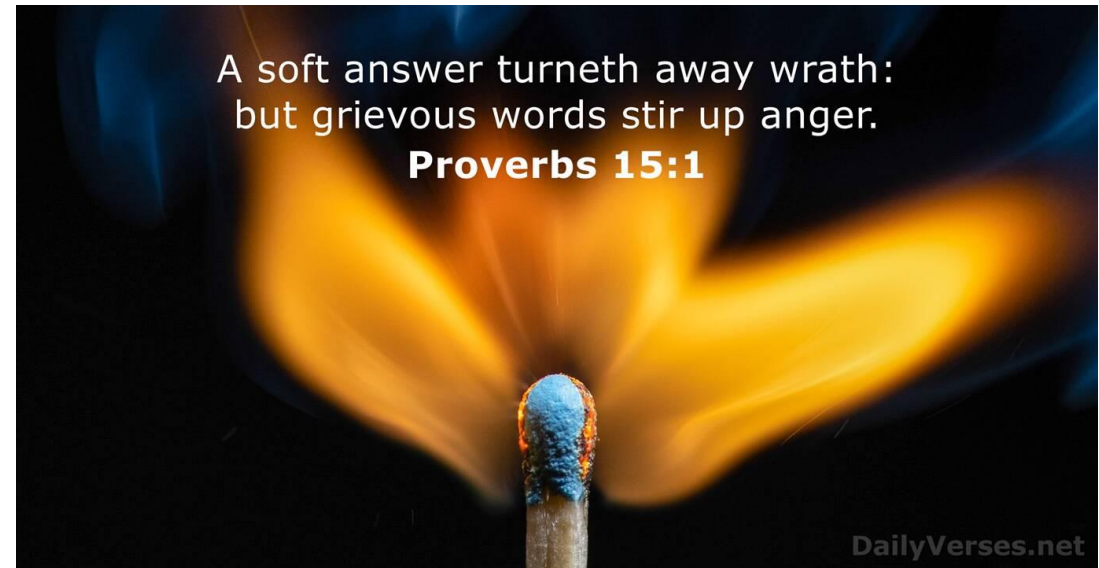
III. THE VIEW FROM ABOVE ⁽¹⁾

- Cherishing Peace at home as the most precious asset.
 - The choice of Abraham.
- “He who wins souls is wise” *Proverbs 11:30*
- Without divine wisdom, what many mistake for love can become be a destructive force.
- Avoiding the foolish and ignorant disputes.



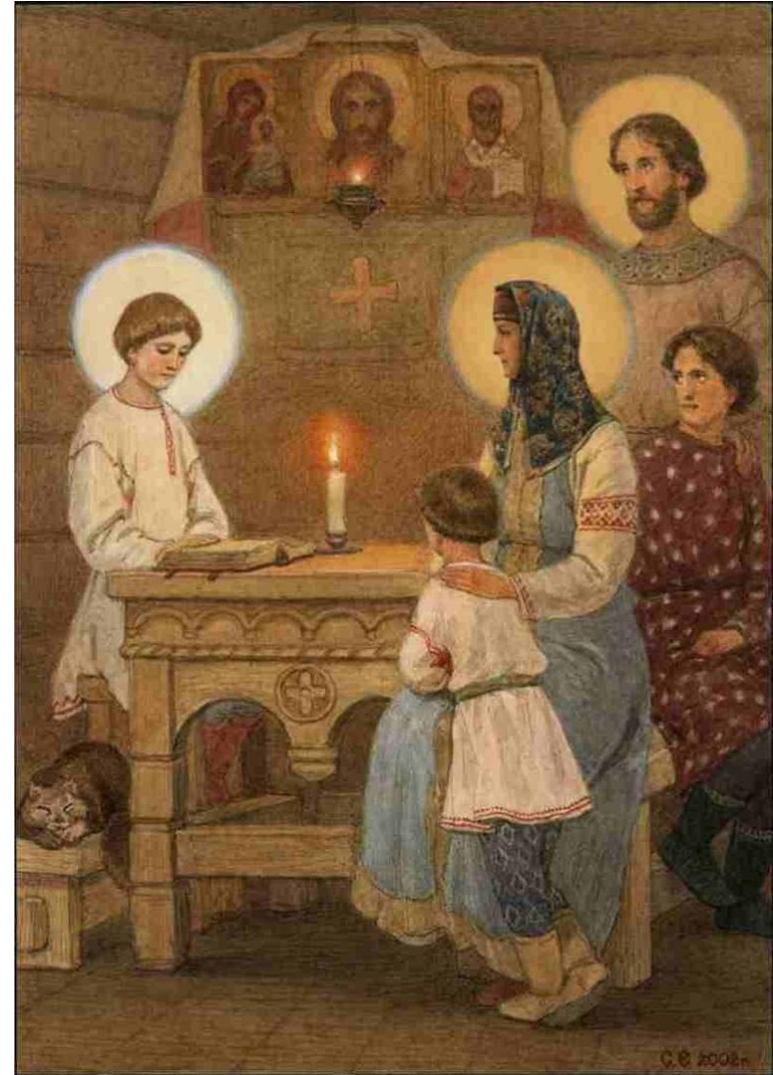
III. THE VIEW FROM ABOVE (2)

- “A soft answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger” *Proverbs 15: 1* –
Do we still need more evidence?
- Knowing the tools: Authority – Persuasion –
The Bond – The Prayers and how and when to
use them.
- The line between admonition and provoking
“And you, fathers, do not provoke your children
to wrath, but bring them up in the training and
admonition of the Lord” *Ephesians 6:4*



IV. THE ROCK OF PIETY ⁽¹⁾

- Strong homes start with God-fearing couples:
 - “And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless” *Luke 1:6*
- The life of worship in and out of the house.



IV. THE ROCK OF PIETY ⁽²⁾

- Defining “richness” in serving God and His church.
- Only a heart united with God, pure and undivided, can be in harmony with others.

