



## Clanking Chains: Principles of Divine Discipline & Guilt: Parents Must Learn to Discern Mental Attitude Sins; Intrinsic & Extrinsic Fifth Columns

### III. Principles of Divine Discipline & Guilt:

- 1) Whereas the law of volitional responsibility results in intrinsic motivation for compliance, divine discipline is intended for extrinsic motivation for compliance.
- 2) Divine discipline is a form of punitive action from the justice of God under His policy of grace designed to correct, punish, encourage, train, and finally motivate the believer to choose for the plan of God over sin, human good, and evil.
- 3) The law of volitional responsibility stresses intrinsic motivation with the objective of influencing free will to choose paths of least resistance rather than a continuing carnal behavior.
- 4) Failure to make the desired adjustments results in the justice of God imposing extrinsic discipline in an effort to motivate rebound.
- 5) Parents should follow this same procedure. First their system of order should stress intrinsic discipline in an effort to motivate the child to make the right choices.
- 6) Although the prospect of reward and the avoidance of punishment results in the creation of a path of least resistance, parents should communicate to the child that the reason to choose for the law is because it is the right thing to do.
- 7) PRINCIPLE: Only by doing the right thing can one expect to receive reward and avoid discipline.
- 8) Deserved suffering deals with decisions influenced by the sinful nature and which have gone uncorrected by rebound. These include decisions that lead to:
  1. Sins from the sinful nature's area of weakness classified in three categories: (1) mental; (2) verbal; and (3) overt;
  2. Human good and evil from its area of strength. Human good may be generally defined as human production designed to solve the problems of life totally independent of God's grace. Human good can evolve into evil: an adverse trend toward the destruction and malfunction of society and the removal of legitimate authority as defined by establishment or doctrinal truth; and
  3. The trends of the lust pattern: (1) toward legalism from which comes moral degeneracy and (2) toward antinomianism from which comes immoral degeneracy.
- 9) Only Christian parents can efficiently discern the presence of mental attitude sins. Analysis of facial expressions, things that are said, how they are said, accompanying body language, and overt acts can give clues to the machinations of the child's soul.
- 10) Parents should never fall victim to their child's argument they are being judgmental. It is their job to evaluate behavior. It is their job to use their ability to discern what they see and hear as a heads-up about what's going on inside the thought process of their child's soul.



- 11) Mental attitude sins are the catalysts for verbal and overt sins. Parents are in the business of sin management with their children. When sins are discovered then the child must be taught to admit wrongdoing to himself and to confess it to God.
- 12) It is more important to discipline mental attitude sins than it is to discipline misbehavior. The source of misbehavior is the sinful nature's influence on mental attitudes.
- 13) Remember: children are unbelievers and as such they are under direct assault by the forces of the Dark Side.
- 14) Parents must be ever vigilant to maintain a wall of fire around their homes through the consistent use of rebound and daily involvement in prayer, Bible study, and spiritual instruction of their children.
- 15) God will protect your children for as long as He can. But the rules of engagement in the Invisible War at some point allow the forces of the Evil One to begin their nefarious infiltration of children's souls.
- 16) Thus the importance not only of spiritual instruction but also the importance of defending the position of authority parents rightly have in the home.
- 17) Lucifer can neutralize your home by gaining control of its government. One of the strategies he uses to accomplish this is co-opting your children as a "fifth column." This term has an interesting etymology:

**Mish, Frederick C. (ed.). *The Merriam-Webster New Book of Word Histories.* (Springfield: Merriam-Webster, 1991), 178-79:**

**Fifth column.** From the early days of World War II through the height of the Red scare in the United States during the 1950s, the inevitable term for a group of domestic subversives or for the secret supporters and sympathizers of one's enemy was *fifth column*. Surprisingly, this word originated not in a world conflict or even in an English context. *Fifth column* is a translation of the Spanish *quinta columna* and was born of the Spanish Civil War in 1936. As reported in the *New York Times* for 16 October 1936, Emilio Mola, a general in the rebel forces of Francisco Franco, had predicted in a radio broadcast that Madrid would fall as the result of the four columns of troops approaching the city as well as through the efforts of another column of supporters who were hiding within the city and poised to join the invaders. In a report published on 17 October, the *Times* correspondent William P. Carney specifically alluded to these secret supporters as the "fifth column," thereby using *fifth column* in an English context for the first time. A dispatch from Valencia three days later related that *fifth column* had already become a catchword there. Soon *fifth column* became a battle cry of the Spanish Loyalists.

The transition of *fifth column* from historical reference to generic noun was undoubtedly influenced by several factors. Ernest Hemingway chose *The Fifth Column* as the title of a play about the Spanish Civil War that he wrote in Madrid in 1937 and saw produced the following year. His stature as a writer helped to give the term broad exposure. At the same time political journals such as the *New Republic* and *Nation* increasingly started to use *fifth column* as a generic term for a conspiracy of subversives or traitors.

***Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 15th ed., s.v. "fifth column":**

A cardinal technique of the fifth column is the penetration of sympathizers into the entire fabric of the nation under attack and, particularly, into positions of policy decision and national defense.



- 18) When a child arrives on the scene an intrinsic fifth column is activated inside the cell structure of his body. When selection creates human life the imputation of Adam's original sin switches on the sinful nature.
- 19) God's wisdom and grace counters this genetic fifth column with parents whose duties are to inculcate establishment and divine viewpoint into the child's soul.
- 20) Over time the child's conscience develops norms and standards and a scale of values that serve as an intrinsic defense department against the sinful nature's assaults on the soul.
- 21) We have in the past identified these assaults as agent provocateurs, someone who induces others to break the law.
- 22) The sinful nature and its lust patterns are incapable of committing sin. But all wrong decisions are inspired by arrogance or lust which tempts the volition of the soul.
- 23) These areas of temptation form a constant and unrelenting assault upon the soul seeking to gain control over the life of the believer.
- 24) But remember, for a child, his soul is already under the dictatorship of the First Husband. Its lust patterns and arrogance complex will seek instant gratification.
- 25) Aiding and abetting these insatiable desires is an extrinsic fifth column that enters the eye and ear gates. Doctrines of demons are communicated which appeal to the dominant trends of arrogance complex, the emotions in the limbic system, and the lust patterns.
- 26) The cosmic system provides the delusions that feed these desires and trends through human viewpoint and result in luring the child into the Dark Side.