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Corey says

Comprehensive. Solid biblical arguments and coverage of issues related to a theology of marriage, divorce and remarriage, sex, gender, reproduction, parenting, and the relationship between the church and the family in raising children. Good to have as a reference. Gobs of footnotes. I skipped a lot of them.

Shaun Marksbury says

With fourteen chapters, an appendix, and 110 pages of notes and indexes, this book isn't simply another book on family - it's a systematic theology. Even though it's theologically thick, Köstenberger delivers a readable text from which a lay person can easily benefit. He covers controversial topics important both to our current culture as well as pastorally, such as sexuality, roles within marriage, and divorce and remarriage. He also includes content on child-rearing and how home-life reflects upon ministry qualifications. I strongly recommend every family have a copy of this book: it's far better than the typical marriage and family fare.

Bryan Kuranaga says

This book is a foundational book for anyone to read who is looking to establish a theology of marriage and family. I highly recommend this book to those who are looking for something more scholarly to read about marriage. There are some practical items in this book as well, but it is largely academic IMO. All that to say, it was a good read and it's a book I may revisit again in the future.

Laurent Dv says

Finally the book that I was looking for : a global exegesis and study of family, man and woman, children, marriage, celibacy (the best part I think). All the subjects that are interwoven..

In fact this is a biblical theology of sexuality or humans from the point of view of family and sex. I goes from Genesis through Revelation. And as we go along, themes are dealed with. For example on the NT part with Jesus and Paul, divorce is the main subject. On Ephesians 5, the chapter speaks of marriage. I don't agree with all, or just the author remains vague, but all the main and basic irenic tenets are here. There are plenty of diagrams and charts that sum up the chapters (all the content is in).

The best book on sexuality.

Joe says

For the first 6 chapters of this book, Kostenberger isn't writing an opinion piece, rather, he's presenting in systematic fashion what Scripture says about marriage and family. There are few who approach the task he seeks to accomplish with greater skill than Kostenberger, and the result is a solid, Scripturally based overview of God's design for marriage and family.

While he doesn't depart from his Scriptural foundation in the later chapters, he doesn't begin with them, rather, he takes on contemporary issues related to marriage and family (for example, abortion, contraception, parenting, homosexuality, gender cultivation, divorce, and singleness) and applies Scripture to them. However, beyond just looking at Scripture, Kostenberger also illustrates the culture of the day to demonstrate how Scripture stands in contrast to society at large (even in its original context).

Matthew says

The 2nd edition of *God, Marriage, and Family* by Andreas Kostenberger (first edition was published in 2004) adds several sections to this jam-packed theology book on all things family as the challenges to the Bible in these areas continue to change quickly. God's Word hasn't changed on these topics, but the ways in which believers must apply the Word is becoming increasingly confusing these days. Homosexuality, for example, is gaining acceptance even among many in the church, many using the Bible to support this acceptance. Believers must know what the Bible says, how its arguments and commands are constructed, and then be able to proclaim and defend these truths in matters of the family.

This book is a shield against the attacks against the biblical family.

Methodically walking through the different topics (marriage, sex, family, birth control, singleness, divorce, homosexuality, etc.), Kostenberger presents the biblical picture from both the Old and new Testament. At times forceful and no doubt alienating some with his blunt confirmation of the Bible's stance on certain issues, he nevertheless speaks with both authority and love for God and people. He doesn't sever the discussion of these issues from people, and realizes the impact of the biblical commands in these areas.

Much has already been said about this book, and it went into a 2nd edition for a reason. It's simply the most thorough (and thoroughly biblical) treatment of these topics I've ever seen. The traditional family is under constant attack, and many times, the arguments seem appealing in certain areas. We need to be grounded in the truth of the Bible, understanding that God designed things to work in certain ways for our good. This book will help many (in addition to the many it already has) to defend not just "traditional values," but God's values and his Word. I would highly recommend this resource.

Amber-Leigh says

I read parts of this book for a paper I'm writing on changing family structures and roles throughout the ages, and frankly what little I did read I found appalling. Though much of the information was useful for my work - in so far as I was better able to ascertain the meaning of family from a Christian perspective (which is what I was going for) - the book's approach to topics such as homosexuality, gender and relationships outside the scope of marriage comes across as derisory and offensive. The sentence that particularly struck me - and in turn lead to my writing this review - is:

“Homosexuality deprives children in households run by same-sex partners of primary role models of both sexes and is unable to fulfil the procreative purposes God intended for marriage union.”

The underlying implication that same-sex couples are somehow less capable of successfully raising children is one I find intolerable in every respect.

Paul says

Daniel Akin, President of Southeastern Theological Seminary says this in his forward, "Perhaps more books ought to be written by a biblical scholar in collaboration with Christian ethicists who have a special interest in and love for marriage and family.

I have found this book to be excellent as it approaches marriage and family from the biblical standard and provides wonderful practical application for contemporary marriages and families.

Pedro Pamplona says

Eu ouço falar muito bem desse livro há anos e nunca tinha lido. Parei para ler agora nas férias e madrugadas acordado com o Davi e ele realmente vale todas as indicação e elogios. Kostenberger fornece uma ótima introdução sobre casamento e família mais ao estilo teologia bíblica. O conteúdo é bem direto e possui muitas e ótimas notas de rodapé para aprofundamento.

Os temas como casamento, família, filhos, homossexualidade, solteirismo e divórcio são tratados com boa base bíblica e aplicações para pastores e famílias. Posso dizer que concordo com tudo, exceto a parte dos anticoncepcionais, que gostaria de estudar mais o lado científico (mas sua opinião é muito boa e provavelmente a mais sábia). Seu trabalho de pesquisa exegético em temas que levantam alguns tabus é muito bom, como o divórcio e o significado de “marido de uma só mulher” em 1 Tm 3. Gostei demais!

Muita gente diz isso pra tudo quanto é livro, mas aqui está uma leitura essencial para casais e principalmente pastores e líderes.

Kostenberger é fera demais!

Mike E. says

This book would make a good gift to a married couple.

It is comprehensive and thoroughly biblical. The strength of the book is that it is fair in presenting competing views on various issues--like parenting philosophies, the use/non-use of birth control, the permissibility of divorce and remarriage, homosexuality, etc.

Chapter eight is the best chapter in the book. It includes excellent and practical help for parenting--especially teens. For example the authors list seven signs of spiritual maturity that parents should look/pray for in their teens:

- (1) an independent life of personal worship and devotion;
- (2) a desire for corporate worship and instruction;
- (3) a pursuit of fellowship in the body of Christ;
- (4) an openness to discuss spiritual things;
- (5) approaching decision-making from a biblical perspective;
- (6) a desire to serve others and to share one's faith; and
- (7) a desire to give of one's financial resources to support God's work.

The authors also include a conflated form of questions (originally from Douglas Wilson) to utilize with prospective spouses of their soon-to-be-engaged children:

- 1) Are you a Christian? Tell me your testimony about how you came to faith in Christ. Tell me also about your current Christian reading and devotional life.
- 2) What is your church and denominational background? Which churches have you attended in the past, and of which church are you currently a member?
- 3) Do you attend church regularly and are you actively involved in the life and ministry of the church? Tell me about your involvement.
- 4) Tell me about your family. What kind of lifestyle are you accustomed to? How would you describe your parents' marriage and what was it like growing up in your family?
- 5) What is your relationship with your mom and dad, and how are you getting along with your brothers and sisters?
- 6) How would you describe your work ethic? How many jobs have you had in your life, and what was your experience?
- 7) What is your current occupation, what are your vocational goals, and what do you see yourself doing ten years from now?
- 8) Do you have any debt? If so, what kind of debt and how much? How do you make financial decisions? What kind of standard of living do you hope to have?
- 9) Tell me about your experience in school. What are your educational goals and how are you planning to go about meeting them?
- 10) Is there anything in your background that, if I knew it, might make me less likely to approve of your spending time with my son or daughter? Have you ever been in trouble with the law? Can you tell me about your previous relationships? For young men: Do you have a problem with pornography? For young women: Do you believe in dressing and behaving modestly?
- 11) God willing, are you hoping to have children one day? For young men: How do you plan to support a family? How do you see your role in relation to your future wife? For young women: Do you enjoy exercising hospitality? Do you like children? How do you see your role in relation to your future husband?
- 12) What attracts you to my son or daughter? What do you think you have to offer to this relationship? What do you think is God's will in this regard and how do you know?

In chapter 13 the authors fairly and boldly analyze the currently popular way to do church called "family

integration." They write:

The family-integrated church approach can actually tend to promote a lack of general integration as these churches may at times neglect to include those from broken families . . . Nowhere in Scripture is it taught that families must cluster together at all times when the church is gathered. Just as fathers may lead their family in worship and Bible reading at home, so the pastor of a local church may lead the entire congregation made up of people from a variety of familial and social backgrounds, in joint worship. . . . Another question that arises is to what extent the family-integrated approach is predicated upon a theology that stresses the continuity between Old Testament Israel and the New Testament church and neglects to give proper recognition to the pronounced New Testament emphasis on individual faith.

Weaknesses: The book reads kind of like a dictionary or encyclopedia with repetitive and formula-like conclusions. Few will read through this book in its entirety. However, this is a volume that will be rewardingly pulled off the shelf periodically when issues related to family, parenting, and marriage arise.

Fellipe Mastrillo says

O melhor livro sobre família que já li em todos meus anos de caminha cristã. Profundo, bíblico, relevante e equilibrado.

Mark A Powell says

Marriage and family life (including children, singleness, divorce, and homosexuality) are examined thoroughly. Kostenberger and Jones do solid exegetical research, developing a biblical theology of family, though minor quibbles remain. The inference that homosexuality is reducible to choice, for example. Certainly homosexual acts are a choice (and undeniably sinful) yet homosexual desires may not be chosen at all—who among us chooses all our temptations? Slight grievances aside, this is a worthwhile addition to the corpus.

Brooke E says

This book is extremely helpful personally to help me truly see a full picture in the Scriptures of God's good desire and design, and His seriousness on marriage and family. This book is especially helpful in this age that all things regarding marriage and family are being redefined. This provides a view of the family rooted in biblical theology tracing through all of the Bible from Genesis to the Epistles. Some can surely reject it, but the biblical reference and the clarity of the work of biblical theology cannot be easily dismissed. If you need a biblical, comprehensive (in the sense it covers all major areas) and clear working-framework for marriage and family based on the Bible (not just popular Christian values but the text itself), this book would be so helpful.

Jónatas Lopes says

Muito bom. Recomendo a leitura.
Já a fiz o ano passado e reler foi uma bênção

Andrew Watkins says

This is very detailed and rooted in Scripture. It is a great reference resource as it helps the reader thing critically and biblically through various marriage and family issues, but it is also a bit dry.
