

As a Christian writer aptly wrote some twenty years back, there are two primary institutions that God has put His approval on; they are the family and the Local Church. And since this is true, we should expect these to be the two organizations Satan will attack the most.

These words are certainly in alignment with what the Apostle Paul says in his Second Epistle to Timothy chapter three concerning the condition of community and family life in the last days!

It is interesting to note that throughout the Bible God uses the eyes to perfectly illustrate His verdict on anyone who disrespects the authority and offices He has set in place in these two areas.

The Biblical advice in this article will be directed specifically to the young people, since their vulnerability makes them the enemy's prime target! Concerning disrespect for God's authority in the family we read:

The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures.

(Proverbs 30:17-18)

Birds of prey will rip out their eyeballs! In other words, God will make them a public spectacle with harsh judgement! This certainly goes against our politically correct secular and religious environment of today, but it is the infallible Word of God nonetheless!

The writer of Proverbs used the eye in this portion of Scripture as figurative for facial expressions, such as rolling the eyes to heaven, which can indicate disrespect, scorn, resentment, and disgust.

But as another commentator rightly said, “No eyeball shows contempt for authority without the heart directing it to do so.”

Therefore, boys and girls, success or failure in life depends on your humbling yourself before God’s Word and honouring the authority He has put in place, no matter what the world says or imposes to the contrary!