

Family (The Christian Home) Part 1

Lesson 10- Spiritual Discipleship and Growth

Intro: The Bible teaches that God has established two institutions:

The _____ and the _____. These two places should be of great importance to the Christian as they are sacred. Contrary to what many think, the home and the church are complementary. The greatest home is one built around a church and the greatest church is one made up of families who attend faithfully and serve the Lord together. It is little wonder, then, that Satan's arena of activity is in our homes and in the churches. This is truly an age when many homes and marriages are "on the rocks" instead of being on THE ROCK, and when many Baptist churches are departing from the Word of God. The Bible is a very practical Book and has much to say about the home. God has a definite blueprint for your family, and your home. Prayerfully this lesson will help us establish some godly principles for us all to follow.

A. The First Home:

Open your Bible to Genesis 2:15-25, and read this passage carefully.

1. What did God say was not good for man?

2. How was the first woman made?

3. In this passage, God says the woman is to be an _____ for the man. (This means that the woman complements and completes man)

4. In marriage, what is a man to leave? _____

5. In marriage, what do the couples become? _____

6. According to Genesis 3:16, in marriage, where is the woman's desire?

7. Matthew 19:4-6. What did the Lord Jesus Christ say concerning the permanency of the marriage relationship?

8. Romans 7:1-3. According to God's plan for marriage, the bond of marriage was to be broken only by _____.

9. Hebrews 13:4. What two things does God say are honorable?

1. _____ 2. _____

B. the Husband's Duty to his Wife:

1. Genesis 2:24 to _____ unto his wife.

2. Ephesians 5:25 to _____ his wife.

3. A husband's love for his wife is to be the same as:

a. _____ for the _____ Ephesians 5:25

b. For their own _____. Ephesians 5:28

4. To _____ for his wife 1 Timothy 5:8

5. To give _____ to his wife. 1 Peter 3:7

6. To render due _____ to his wife. 1 Cor. 7:3

7. The husband is to be the head of the wife and the home. Ephesians 5:23 (This has nothing to do with being a "dictator," but means he is to be in the place of leadership.)

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C. the Wife's Duty to her Husband:

1. To _____ to her husband in his exercise of leadership in the home. Ephesians 5:22

2. To _____ her husband. Ephesians 5:33 (Never criticize your husband in the presence of others.)

3. To _____ the household. 1 Timothy 5:14

Note: The Bible does not teach it is absolutely wrong for a woman to get a paying job, especially in a time of need, but her first priority is to her household. When a job causes a wife to neglect her husband and her children, it is time to quit and trust the LORD!

4. If your husband is not a Christian, follow the teaching of 1 Peter 3:1. The word "conversation" means a "godly manner of life."

Note: Never set out to disobey your unsaved husband. Pray hard, and let God deal with him! Seek to be a living Gospel to him by following the scriptural pattern above. Earnestly pray for you husband and love him. Ask the Lord to open opportunities for you to witness to him or invite him to the church meetings.

D. Parent's duty to their Children:

1. Children are the Lord's _____ Psalm 127:3

2. Parents are responsible to _____ up their children. Prov. 22:6

3. According to Ephesians 6:4, fathers are responsible to bring their children up in the _____ and _____ of the Lord.

4. God's provides a means of correction for children

a. A father's _____. Proverbs 13:1

b. Proverbs 22:15 the _____.

Much of today's humanistic philosophy says it is wrong to spank children, but the Bible says it is necessary and right.

a. The rod is applied to the right place. Apply the board of education to the seat of learning!

b. The rod is applied in love. Never spank your children in anger or to take out your own frustrations. Proverbs 13:24

c. The rod is applied early in life. Proverbs 19:18 "*while there is yet hope*"

The rod is applied effectively. Proverbs 19:18

d. The rod is applied consistently. Don't spank for wrongs the child didn't know about. Don't spank for last week's wrong. Don't ever not spank when you said you would!

e. There is a time of loving and prayer soon after the rod has been applied. Never apologize for spanking, but assure the child of your love and pray together afterwards. Proverbs 13:24.

Next week we will continue our study of the home and prayerfully the Lord will teach us and lead us as we lead our homes. Think of someone that you could help lead them to a Biblical understanding of the HOME.