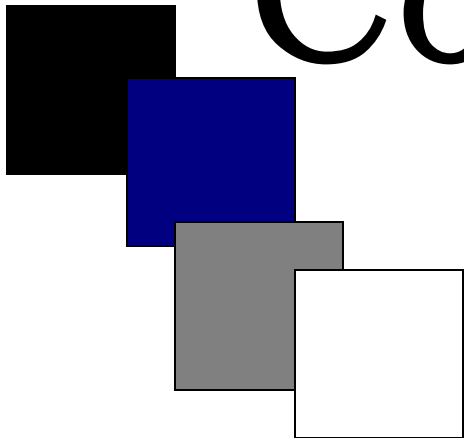


Family

Concepts



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The Family's Foundation

The Godly Home

◆ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- Why are two better than one?

- How do you think a threefold cord is made?

◆ Proverbs 3:33

Describe how God responds to the two contrasting households.

1. The Wicked: _____

2. The Just: _____

- What does it mean to "curse" and to "bless"?

- What determines whether or not you are wicked as others see you or just in God's eyes?

◆ **Proverbs 12:7 & Proverbs 14:11**

- What will happen to the house of the righteous?

- What will happen to the tabernacle of the upright?

- What does the phrase "are overthrown and are not" mean? _____

◆ **Proverbs 15:6**

- What kind of treasure do you think is in the house of the righteous? _____

- What does "revenues of the wicked are in trouble" mean?

- What kind of home do you want?

Sin and human wisdom are not a good foundation for your home.

Reasons why marriages fail

1. Romans 15:1-3: Selfishness

- What does "not to please ourselves," mean?

- What does "for his good to edification" mean?

- Whose examples are we suppose to follow?

2. Proverbs 13:10: Pride

- What is contention?

- Why do you think there is no contention when there is no pride? _____

3. Romans 1:29-31: Sin

- The people described in this passage have rejected God. List the problems mentioned which would hurt your marriage. _____

4. 1 John 5:17

- What is at the root of all the problems in private lives and marriages? _____

◆ Romans 3:10

- Why do all people have problems?

◆ Jeremiah 17:9 & Matthew 23:26-28

- Where do our problems begin? _____
- Why does outward behavior not solve our problems?

- What must be done to solve our problems?

A loving harmonious home doesn't just happen. You must build your home and family in Christ. This requires first a nature change and then a behavior change.

The Nature Change

◆ **John 3:3-6**

- What must happen before you can enter the kingdom of heaven? _____
- What does it mean to be “born of the water” or “born of the flesh”? _____

- What does it mean to be “born of the Spirit”? _____

◆ **Romans 3:22 & 2 Corinthians 5:17,21**

- What do we receive by faith of Jesus Christ? _____
- Why do you think this is necessary? _____

“Sirs, What must I do to be saved?”

◆ **Acts 16:30-31**

- What did the jailer want? _____
- What was Paul and Silas’ response? _____

◆ **John 5:24**

- If you believe in Jesus Christ, what do you have? _____
- What will not happen to you? _____
- What does it mean to “pass from death unto life”? _____

◆ **Luke 13:3 & 2 Corinthians 7:10**

- What does it mean to repent? _____

“Godly sorrow” means that you are genuinely sorry that you’ve done wrong.

“Worldly sorrow” means that you are sorry because you’ve been caught.

- Why do you think a person repents when he believes in Jesus Christ? _____

**For whosoever shall call upon
the name of the Lord shall be
saved.**

◆ **Romans 10:13**

- What is the promise in this verse? _____
- If you die tonight are you 100% certain that you will go to heaven? _____

God's Plan for the Family

The Design of the family

1. Genesis 2:18-24: Husband and Wife

- o What do you think "help meet" means?

- o Why was Adam's "help meet for him" called "woman"?

- o Describe the relationship between a husband and wife in the home. _____

2. Psalms 127:1: Built by the Lord

- o Why do you think God should build the home?

- o What do you think happens to homes not built by God?

3. Malachi 2:15: Children (environment for) raising godly seed.

- o Why did God make man and woman one?

- o What do you think a godly seed is?

**God created us because of love (Revelation 4:11).
Likewise, Children are suppose to be the result of a
loving relationship**

The Purpose of marriage

1. Genesis 2:18: Companion

- o What did God say was not good? _____

2. Genesis 2:20: Support and Strength

- o How is a woman a "help meet for (man)"?
-

3. Malachi 2:20: Raise godly children

- o Why do you think God wants godly children?
-

4. Mark 10:9 & Hebrews 13:4: Security and Fulfillment

- o What is the benefit of permanent, stable families?
-

The Testimony of the Family

1. Isaiah 62:5: A testimony of God and Israel

- o Why do you think God uses marriage as an example of His relationship to Israel?
-

2. 2 Corinthians 11:2: God's guaranteed love

- o Why is it a good testimony to be married once for life?
-

3. Ephesians 5:22-33

- o Why are roles in the marriage important?
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- o What is the role of the wife representing? _____
- o What is the role of the husband representing? _____

4. John 13:34-35; Revelation 22:17: Show that the blessings of God are welcome to all.

- o Why is a good marriage testimony important?

Spiritual Needs of the Family

1. Psalms 127:1; Joshua 24:15: God

- o Why do you think it is important for your family to be saved?

- o What is the advantage of having a Christ-centered home?

2. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 2:2: Word of God

- o How will your family benefit by studying the Bible?

- o What do you think it means to "grow"? _____

3. Galatians 5:22-25: Spirit

- o What does it mean to "live in the spirit"?

- o What does it mean to "walk in the spirit"? _____

- o Describe a home where family members manifest the fruit of the spirit instead of lusts of the flesh.

4. Ephesians 4:12-13: Church

- o How do we benefit from the church?

- o How can our families benefit from the church?

- o What do you think would happen if your family neglects the church? _____

Fulfilling the Family Needs

1. Love and serve one another. _____
2. Family devotionals. _____
3. Obedience to God. _____
4. Study the Bible. _____
5. Participate in the church. _____

God's Love in the Family

We are commanded to love

◆ **John 13:34-35**

- o What does Christ command us to do? _____
- o Do you think this includes husbands and wives too? _____
- o How are we supposed to love one another?

- o What is the benefit of loving one another like Christ loves us (35)? _____

◆ **Ephesians 5:25**

- o What is the command to husbands? _____
- o Why do you think there is an emphasis on husbands loving their wives?

- o How should a husband love his wife?

◆ **Titus 2:4**

- o What are women suppose to be taught?

- o Do you think this means that love begins in the actions rather than he heart? _____
- o Why do you think women need to be taught how to love?

**** Biblical love refers to unselfish, sacrificial care for others. ****

What is Godly Love?

◆ 1 John 4:7-12

- Who is source of love? _____
- Who makes it possible for us to love? _____
- What must happen to us before we can truly love? _____

- Why should we love one another? _____
- How is God's love perfected in us? _____

- What is the evidence that God dwells in us? _____
- Why do most people not love each other? _____

◆ 1 John 3:18

- How does God want us to love? _____
- What do you think this means? _____

- Why do you think expressing love this way is important?

****Actions speak louder than words****

◆ 1 Corinthians 13:3-8

Define each of the following terms describing what love is.

- Long suffering: _____
- Is kind: _____
- Is not envious: _____
- Does not vaunt itself: _____
- Is not puffed up: _____
- Does not behave unseemly: _____
- Does not seek her own: _____
- Is not easily provoked: _____

- Thinketh no evil: _____
- Rejoiceth not in iniquity: _____
- Rejoices in truth: _____
- Bears all things: _____
- Believes all things: _____
- Hopes all things: _____
- Endures all things: _____
- It never fails: _____

We need God

God is love. Thus, the source for godly love in our home must be God. If He abides in our heart, His love inside us will manifest itself outwardly in our actions. Although we may not always “feel” like being loving, we express love because we care about others and most importantly we care about obeying God. Trying to express godly love in your deeds without God in your heart will be a frustrating and miserable experience. True, satisfying love begins with a relationship God. Do you have a relationship with God?

Roles in the Family

Testimony and Responsibility

◆ **Ephesians 5:22-33**

- o What is the wife commanded to do? (22, 24, 33)

- o What is the husband commanded to do? (25, 28, 33)

- o Whom do the husband and wife represent according to the Bible? _____

- o Do you think God considers these roles important? _____

◆ **Titus 2:4**

- o What are the women responsible to do? _____

- o Why do you think women need to be taught how to love?

◆ **Ephesians 5:21**

- o Does this command to submit apply to husbands and wives? _____

- o Can a husband lead, submit and love at the same time?

Role of Husband – to be like Christ

◆ **What was Christ's example for us as portrayed in the following verses?**

1. John 13:1 - _____
2. John 13:3-5,14 - _____
3. John 13:34 - _____
4. Philippians 2:7-8 - _____
5. Matthew 20:28 - _____

◆ **Ephesians 5:25-28; Colossians 1:28**

- What should be the husband's main concern for his wife and children? _____

◆ **1 John 4:19**

- Where do you think love begins in the family? Husband? Wife? Children? Who has the responsibility to express love first in the family? _____
- Why? _____

◆ **1 Peter 3:7**

- In what way do you think women are the weaker vessel? _____
- How should this affect the attitude of the husband towards his wife? _____

◆ **1 Timothy 3:4**

- What should a husband do well? _____

- Did Christ rule with a heavy hand? _____
- What does it mean to have children in subjection? _____

- What is the purpose of having children in subjection?

- What kind of a leader was Jesus Christ to His disciples?

- Who bears the greatest responsibility to God for the goals, direction and accomplishments or failures in the family? _____
- What do you think is involved in good leadership?

◆ **Ecclesiastes 9:9**

- What do you like most about this verse? _____
- Explain what you think the job of the husband is.

Role of Wife – to be like the Church

◆ **Ephesians 5:22-24**

- What does it mean to submit? _____
- What does it mean to subject in everything? _____
- What does a wife fear in submitting? _____
- Why do you think the wife’s testimony of submission is important? _____

◆ **Colossians 3:18**

- What does the phrase “as it is fit in the Lord,” mean? _____

◆ **1 Timothy 3:11**

- List and define the traits of a wife described in this verse.

◆ **Proverbs 12:4**

- What is the responsibility of a woman in the home? _____

◆ **Titus 2:5**

- How serious is it to God if a woman is disobedient? _____

◆ **Genesis 2:18**

- What was God's purpose in creating woman? _____

What does Christ expect His church to do?

- Matthew 4:19 - _____
- John 10:27 - _____
- 1 Peter 2:18-21 - _____
- Hebrews 13:5 - _____
- Hebrews 10:23-24 - _____

Both partners' Roles

- 1 Corinthians 10:31 - _____
- Colossians 3:16 - _____
- Ephesians 5:18 - _____
- Philippians 2:3-5 - _____
- Titus 2:7 - _____
- 1 Peter 3:8-12 - _____

In your own words describe the roles of the husband and wife and their importance. _____

Edifying Family

◆ **How are we supposed to influence one another?**

- o Hebrews 10:24
- o 1 Peter 3:8-12

◆ **List and define how we are supposed to interact with one another.**

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- ◆ How can two people be of one mind? _____
- ◆ What is the benefit of refraining your tongue from evil?

◆ **James 3:8**

- o What should not be so? _____
- o What do you think is a necessary requirement to control the tongue? _____

- o What is the trait of godly conversation with heavenly wisdom? _____

- o What is the trait of carnal conversation with earthly wisdom? _____

- o How will you know if you are communicating in the spirit or in the flesh? _____

◆ **Ephesians 4:25-32**

- o List and define the ways we are supposed to talk. _____

- o List and define the ways we are not supposed to talk. _____

- o When should we resolve our anger? _____

- o What should be the purpose of our conversations? _____

◆ **Colossians 3:12-21**

- o Where do you think edifying conversation begins? _____

- o List and define the characteristics we are supposed to "put on".
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- ◆ What are you commanded to do when you have a quarrel?

- ◆ How can you let the Word of God dwell in your richly? _____

- ◆ Explain how a wife can share conflicting views with a husband and still submit? _____
- ◆ Why would a husband become better with his wife? _____

- ◆ How should a husband speak to his wife in all circumstances?

- ◆ List all the things about a conversation that pleases the Lord.

- ◆ How is it possible for a Father to provoke his children?

- ◆ Can a husband and wife provoke one another to discouragement? _____

- ◆ **James 1:19-20**
 - o How should we respond to all conversation? _____
 - o How should we never respond? _____
 - o Why do you think it is beneficial to be slow to respond?

 - o When there is conflict and you have allowed your tongue to go out of control, what should you do? _____

Raising a Godly Seed

◆ **Malachi 2:15**

- What does God want you to do with your children?

◆ **Deuteronomy 6:4-7**

- How does God expect us to love Him?

- What does God want you to teach our children?

- List the how, where and when God wants you to teach them? _____

◆ **Psalms 78:1-8**

- What should we not hide from our children?

- What should we show the next generation?

- What did God command the fathers (parents) to do?

- What should we train our children to do with their children? _____
- What are the benefits of teaching children the truths of God? _____
- What are the consequences of not training to obey God?

◆ **Ephesians 6:4**

- What should fathers not do? _____
- What should fathers do? _____
- What does this mean? _____

◆ **Proverbs 22:6**

- What is the promise in this verse? _____
- What kind of training is needed? _____

◆ **Proverbs 23:13-14; Proverbs 19:18**

- What should not be done? _____
- What is the purpose of discipline? _____
- Should discipline be executed because of anger or frustration? _____

◆ **Proverbs 13:24**

- Who hates his son? _____
- Who loves his son? _____
- What does "betimes" mean? _____
- Why do you think the Bible uses the word "hate"? _____

◆ **Judges 13:8**

- Where should we get advice on raising our children? _____

◆ **1 Corinthians 11:1**

- Who will the children follow first? _____
- What will determine if children will follow God or Satan? _____
- Who needs to be the example of how to live for God? _____
- Who has the greatest responsibility in the family? _____

****Children will be a mirror image of what their parents are****

Family Finances

◆ **Matthew 25:14-30**

- Who is the Lord over all of our possessions? _____
 - What is your responsibility as a steward? _____
-

◆ **Luke 21:1-4**

- Who should we be giving to? _____
- Does it matter how your giving appears to men? _____

Control your finances or they will control you!

Luke 16:13: No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

◆ **Luke 16:11**

- How does God view the stewardship over worldly finances compared to His true riches? _____

◆ **Luke 16:13**

- What is the end result when you are pursuing the riches of two different worlds? _____

Proverb 22:7: The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the

Financial mastery is an indicator of spiritual mastery

- ◆ **Proverbs 10:4**
 - What does it mean to have a slack hand? _____
 - What does it take to avoid being poor? _____
- ◆ **Romans 12:11**
 - How should we conduct business? _____
- ◆ **1 Timothy 5:8**
 - Who is considered worse than an infidel? _____

Material perspective

- ◆ **Luke 16:1-12**
 - What belongs to the Lord? _____
 - What belongs to you? _____
- ◆ **Psalm 24:1**
 - What belongs to the Lord? _____
 - What belongs to you? _____
- ◆ **Psalm 50: 10-11** - For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.
 - What belongs to the Lord? _____
 - What belongs to you? _____
- ◆ **Haggai 2:8** - The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.
 - What belongs to the Lord? _____
 - What belongs to you? _____
- ◆ **Malachi 3:8-10**
 - What does God consider robbery? _____
 - What does God promise if you tithe? _____
- ◆ **Proverbs 3:9**
 - How is God honored? _____
 - What is firstfruits? _____
- ◆ **Proverbs 11:28**
 - What happens to those who trust in their riches? _____
 - Who will flourish? _____
- ◆ **1 Corinthians 16:2**

- When were financial collections gathered? _____
- What does it mean to “lay by him in store?” _____
- ◆ **Deuteronomy 8:18**
 - Who gives the ability gain wealth? _____
 - For purpose is wealth gained? _____

Thinking about debt?

- ◆ **Prov 22:7**
 - How do the rich rule over poor? _____
 - In what way does the borrower serve the lender? _____
- ◆ **Proverbs 22:26-27**
 - What should we not be? _____
 - What happens when you cannot repay your debt? _____
- ◆ **Philippians 4:11**
 - What did Paul learn about contentment? _____
 - What is required to live in contentment? _____
- ◆ **Proverbs 21:5** - The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.
 - What tends to plenteousness? _____
 - What tends to want (lack)? _____
 - What are the problems with impulse buying? _____
- ◆ **Psalms 37:21**
 - Those who default on debts are considered _____
 - Those who repay their debts are considered _____
 - Why should you pay off debts before spending on nonessentials like entertainment and frivolities? _____

Do not compromise for material and financial gain.

- ◆ **Psalms 37:1-5**
 - Who should you not be envious of? _____
 - What will happen to the wicked? _____
 - Why would one be envious of the wicked? _____
 - What should your desire be? _____
- ◆ **1 Timothy 6:6-10**

- What is great gain? _____
- How should you think about your beginning and end? _____
- Why are the rich vulnerable? _____
- What is the root of all evil? _____
- Who have erred from the faith? _____
- ◆ **Proverbs 22:1** - A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.
 - What is more valuable than great riches? _____

Husband is ultimately responsible

- ◆ **Ephesians 5:25**
 - If woman is not confident in a man's decisions, do not marry him. If you are married, then accept the man you chose to marry.
 - A husband must communicate love and sensitivity to assure his wife of his consideration for her security, thoughts, and feelings.

Family Discipleship Strategy

1. GET TRAINED

This involves personal as well as family development in your spiritual walk with the Lord.

Develop...

1. Godly character (Colossians 2:6)
 - o What would be a few examples of how to do this?

2. A working and growing knowledge of the Bible (1 Peter 2:2)
 - o How can you accomplish this? _____
3. Skills to enhance your spiritual growth (2 Timothy 2:2)
 - o What type of skills will enhance spiritual growth?

Development in these three areas will aid you in pursuing four principle goals:

1. Matthew 22:36-38 _____
2. Matthew 22:39 _____
3. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 _____
4. Hebrews 10:24 _____

2. ORGANIZE A FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Establish goals if you expect to accomplish anything for the Lord.

1. Pray for God's wisdom and direction to establish a Bible study.
2. Invite one or two families to your house for fellowship and study
3. Build friendships in the group.
4. Encourage participation.

3. DISCIPLE

1. Study the *Family Discipleship* series.
2. If the couple is lost, study the Bible Concepts.
3. Be a good example of how a Christian family lives.
4. Share the vision of discipling other families.
5. Keep it going and multiply.