

# THE HOME- AS GOD WOULD HAVE IT

- Genesis – the home is the oldest of all institutions
- God's Order for Marriage- One Man and One Woman
- Man leaves father and mother and cleaves to his wife- they are one flesh.
- What God joins together let no man put asunder
- Rom. 7- As long as they both shall live- length of marriage
- Matt. 19:9; 5:32- only one cause other than death to sever a marriage- fornication
- Purpose Of Marriage- 1 Cor. 7:2- to avoid fornication
- Not good for man to be alone- Gen. 2:18

# Marriage Is Honorable In All

- Hebrews 13:4- marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled...
- Husbands- love your wives- Eph. 5:25
- Titus 2:4- older women teach younger women to love their husbands
- Three Purposes of Marriage- Companionship- Passion- Purpose
- 1 Cor. 7:2- “nevertheless to avoid fornication let every men have his own wife and let every woman have her own husband.
- Wives to submit to their husbands- Eph. 5:22-23- “wives submit yourselves to your husbands as to the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church, and He is the Savior of the Body.- so as the church is subject to Christ, so let wives be to their own husbands in everything.
- Eph. 5:35 ff- husband love your wives even as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it.

# Extent Of A Man's Love For His Wife

- Eph. 5:28- so ought men to love their wives as their own bodies, he that loves his wife loves himself.
- No man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourishes it and cherishes it, even as the Lord the Church.
- A man for this cause shall a man leave father and mother and cleave to his wife and they two shall be one flesh.
- Eph. 5:33- let everyone one of you love your wife as yourself and the wife see that she reverences her husband.

# Colossians 3:18-4:1

- Wives- Submit to husband- 3:18 it is fitting in the Lord.
- Husbands- love your wives- be not bitter against them- 3:19
- Children- obey your parents- it is well-pleasing to God- 3:20
- Eph. 6:1-3- Honor you father and mother (first command with promise), that it may be well with you and you may live long
- Fathers- do not provoke your children to wrath, lest they be discouraged- 3:21; Eph. 6:1-4- train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

# Disciplining of Children- Not Abuse

- Heb. 12:6-11- “ whom the Lord loves He chastens...if you endure chastening God deals with you as sons...what son is there whom a father does not chaste. V. 8- but if you are without chastening ...then are you illegitimate and not sons....v.9- for we have fathers of our flesh who corrected us and we paid them respect....v. 11- no chastening for the moment seems pleasant, but painful, but afterwards it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”
- Prov. 13:24- whoever spares the rod, hates his child, but he who loves his child is careful to discipline them.

# Children And Discipline

- Pr. 22:6- train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.
- Pr. 23:13-15- “ do not withhold discipline from a child if you strike him with a rod, he shall not die, if you strike him with a rod you will save his soul from Sheol....
- Pr. 22:15- folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.
- Pr. 29:17- discipline your son and he will give you rest, he will give delight to your heart.
- Pr. 29:15-the rod and rep[roof give wisdom but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.
- Pr. 12:1- whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is foolish.

# Response To Discipline- The Godly Home

- Pr. 13:1- a wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- Pr. 15:32- whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he that listens to reproof gains knowledge
- A godly home is punctuated with knowledge, study, love and prayer.
- Open communication
- Deuteronomy 6: 6-9- commands in father's heart- he will teach them to his children—talk of them throughout the day (in the morning to the evening—bind them on your head, write them on doors and gates- tell the story of God's people to children. Teach them their history and to Love the Lord with all their heart, soul and mind.
- Josh. 24:15- “choose you this day whom you will serve---but as for me and my house- we will serve the Lord.”