

The Christian's Responsibility to His Home

Col. 3:18-21

Introduction:

- A. A Christian was a part of a home before he ever became a Christian.
- B. Being a Christian does not lessen his responsibility to his but rather increases and enhances it.
- C. As a Christian, there are certain things that one must help in maintaining in his home.

Discussion:

I. Help Establish and Maintain *Peace* in the Home (1 Cor. 7:15)

- A. Family circle is not a fighting ring (cf. Prov. 21:19; 25:24).
 - 1. All families have disagreements – do not let it degenerate into strife.
 - 2. All have to work at it – not 50-50 proposition, but about 90 - 90.
- B. Family should be a haven from strife-torn world.

II. Help Establish and Maintain *Love* in the Home.

- A. Husbands, wives and children all love each other (Eph 5:25; Tit. 2:4; Eph. 6:2).
- B. Love is known by what it does (1 Cor. 13:4-7).
 - 1. Parents love children enough to provide for them (2 Cor. 12:14)
 - 2. Children love parents enough to provide for them when needed (cf. 1 Tim. 5:18; Matt. 15:4-6)

III. Help Establish and Maintain *God's Order* in the Home.

- A. A Christian wife will respect husband's place in the home.
 - 1. Head. (Eph. 5:23; 1 Tim. 3:5).
 - 2. Primary provider (cf. Tit. 2:5)
- B. A Christian husband will honor his wife's place in the home.
 - 1. Honor her as the weaker vessel (1 Pet. 3:7; Eph 5:28; Col. 3:18).
 - 2. Honor her as the mother of his children and the manager of his house (cf. 1 Tim. 5:14)
 - 3. Neither his head nor his door mat – one flesh with him – taken from side (rib) not head or foot.
- C. A Christian child will respect parent's right to command and discipline (Col. 3:20; Eph. 6:1-3)
 - 1. May not always understand why, but respect their right.
 - 2. May not always prefer their way, but respect their right to have their way as parents.
- D. A Christian parent will respect the child's right to the nurture and admonitions of the Lord.
 - 1. Not overly harsh – “provoke not to anger”
 - 2. Not under disciplined and trained.

IV. Help Establish and Maintain *Godliness* in the Home.

- A. Let our relationship to the Godhead undergird our relationships in the home.
 - 1. “God has called us...” (1 Cor. 7:15).
 - 2. Christ and the church (Eph. 5)
 - 3. “...of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4).
 - 4. “In the Lord” (Eph. 6:1).
 - 5. Prayers be not hindered (1 Pet. 5:7).
- B. Our respect for God will enhance our respect for each other in the home.

Conclusion:

- A. A home without the Lord is still a home.
- B. A home with the influence of God through his children is a better home.
- C. A Christian's responsibility to His Lord involves his responsibility to his family.