Christians’ Responsibility to the Home
Titus 2:1-10

Introduction:
A. Responsibility at home is part of “sound doctrine”. (v. 1, 4-6).
B. Responsibility at home involves many areas of conduct - we shall notice only a few basic ones.

Discussion:
I. **Christians Have a Responsibility to Be Morally Upright in the Home.**
A. Sexual promiscuity and perversion rampant in society - must not be so with us. (cf. Eph. 5:3)
B. Bible is plain on marriage and sexual morality.
   1. Either marriage, celibacy or immorality. (Heb. 13:5; 1 Cor. 7:1-2)
   2. “Own” spouse. (1 Cor. 1:2) - Possible to be married to another’s spouse, but unlawful. (Mk. 6:17-18).
   3. God’s law is that adultery results if marry another while spouse is living - with only one exception. (Rom. 7:1-3)
C. Bible is also plain on perversions of sex and marriage.
   1. Homosexuality in or out of marriage. (Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:10,11).
   2. “Living Together; premarital; extra-marital” all-fornication (Gal. 5:6; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).

II. **Christians Have a Responsibility to Keep the Lord at the Center of the Home.**
A. The Lord is strong motivation for behavior at home. (Eph. 5; Col. 3; 1 Pet. 3:7).
B. The Lord replaced in homes of many professed Christians by:
   a. Agnostic “experts” in family matters: Educators, counselors, etc.
   b. Spiritually weak brethren:
      1. Too young or inexperienced to know Bible principles. (fads).
      2. Too carnally minded to care about Bible answers.
      3. Too naive to see spiritual dangers.

III. **Christians Have a Responsibility to Fill Their God-Given Places in the Home.**
A. Husbands: Head (Eph. 5:25); primary provider. (1 Tim. 5:8).
B. Wife: Subject to head (Eph. 5:24); primary homemaker. (Tit. 2:4,5; 1 Tim. 5:14)
C. Parents rule children (1 Tim. 3:4; 3:12; 5:14).
D. Children obey. (Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20).
E. Those in authority exercise it in fear of Christ. Those under authority submit in fear of Christ.

IV. **Christians Have a Responsibility to Love with All Their Heart in the Home.**
A. Bible love involves all the heart - Intellect, will, and emotions.
   1. It can be commanded and taught - thus, intellect and will involved.
   2. It is active good will toward another.
B. Husbands and wives can learn to love each other. (Eph. 5:25; Tit. 2:4).
C. Children can learn to love and honor their parents. (Eph. 6:2,3).
D. Parents can learn to love their children. (Tit. 2:4).
   1. Enough to teach respect for authority - will need it after leave home.
   2. Enough to train them “in the Lord” - word and deed. Not just enough to stay out of trouble.
   3. Enough to discipline. (Spank nor Spock). (Heb. 12:5-11- v.6 scourge is to whip - painful v. 11)
   4. Enough to protect them from themselves. (Prov. 22:15).

Conclusion:
A. May be time to burn many “how to books” and get the Book.
B. May be time to dismiss our “seminars” and convene home training.
C. May be time to turn to best “experts” - mothers and fathers of Israel with knowledge and experience.