The Effect of Home Life on Spiritual Life

1 Pet. 3:1-7

Introduction:
A. Home life influences all aspects of life: nation, community, school, church.
B. Home life has tremendous impact in three areas of our spiritual life.

Discussion:
I. Our Home Life Affects Our Personal Relationship With God.
   A. It can affect our prayers. (1 Pet. 3:7)
   B. It can affect our loyalty to God. (cf. Neh. 13:25,26).
   C. It involves obedience to God.
      1. God commands love in the home (Eph. 5:25; Tit. 2:4).
      2. God commands obedience in the home. (Eph. 5:22,23; 1 Pet. 3:5-6; Eph. 6:1-2).

II. Our Home Life Affects the Effectiveness of the Church.
   A. Home life and effective spiritual leadership.
   B. Home life and effective church worship and work.
      1. Decency and orderliness needed in worship (cf. 1 Cor. 14:40) – taught at home.
      2. Industry and responsibility need in work (cf. Eph. 4:16) – taught at home.

III. Our Home Life Affects The Spread Of The Gospel.
   A. A faithful family member’s good influence on non-Christian or unfaithful. (1 Pet. 3:1-2).
      1. Deeds and disposition of faithful observed by others.
      2. Words are more effective if from a faithful one.
   B. A Husband and wife team can use home for evangelism. (cf. Acts 18:26).
   C. A Stable family observed by community -- perhaps as much or more than church.

Conclusion:
A. Seek to preserve a good home -- for own sake -- for gospel’s sake.
B. Seek to be a good family members -- obey gospel -- live gospel.