JESUS CHRIST: THE CENTERPIECE OF THE HOME
Col. 3:18-21

Introduction:
A. Homes without Christ at the center cannot reach its potential stability.
B. Christ has been replaced in homes of professed Christians by:
   1. Agnostic "experts" in family matters: Educators, counselors, etc.
   2. Spiritually weak brethren:
      a. Too young or inexperienced to know Bible principles. (fads).
      b. Too carnally minded to care about Bible answers.
      c. Too naive to see spiritual dangers.
      d. Why not look to Bible first? Then mature and experienced Christians? (cf. Tit. 2).
C. Homes must let Christ be at the center of all family relationships to be both stable and pleasing to God:

Discussion:
II. Let Christ Be At The Center Of Family Existence.
A. Law of Christ on sex and marriage. (Heb. 13:5; 1 Cor. 7:1-3; Rom. 7:1-3).
B. Law of Christ perversions of sex and marriage.
   1. Homosexuality. (Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:10,11).
   2. "Living Together; pre-marital; extra-marital" all=fornication (Gal. 5:6; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).

III. Let Christ Be At The Center Of Family Order.
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. Let Christ Be At The Center Of Family Behavior.
A. Let Christ control your attitude and actions at home.
   1. Meet your responsibility out of reverence for Christ. (Eph. 5; Col. 3; 1 Pet. 3:7).
   2. One not a Christian at home is hypocrite elsewhere.
B. Let Christ govern your love as a parent rather than Spock. (Tit. 2:4; Eph. 6:1
   1. Love enough to exercise parental authority.
   2. Love enough to supply spiritual and temporal needs. (Tit. 2:4; Eph. 6:4).
   3. Love enough to train them "in the Lord" - word and deed. Not just enough to out of trouble.
   5. Love enough to protect them from themselves. (Prov. 22:15).
C. Let Christ govern you even when the world scorns. (cf. Mt. 5:11,12).

Conclusion:
A. May be time to burn many "how to books" and get the Book.
B. May be time to turn best "experts" - mothers and fathers of Israel who know and are experienced in Bible teaching on the home.