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Christian Family Living

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lesson 1
The Constitution of a Home

I. What constitutes a home?

- A. It's a place where ones _____ are centered.
- B. It's a place where one _____.
- C. For a Bible definition, consider Deut. 24:5.

II. What constitutes a marriage? *Matt. 19:1-9*

- A. God is the _____ of marriage.
- B. God established _____ pertaining to marriage.
 - 1. It is for one male and one _____.
 - 2. It is a _____ made by, and accountable to God.
 - 3. It is for _____. Anything other brings God's judgement.

III. What constitutes a "Christian" home?

- A. The Lord is the chief architect and _____.
- B. It's a home where children are _____.
- C. It's a home where _____ is worshipped, feared and obeyed.
- D. It's a home where God's laws are _____.
- E. It's a home where occupants are in _____ with God.
- F. It's a home where faithfulness is _____ out.
- G. It's a home where God lives _____ the occupants. *Gal. 5:22-24*
 - 1. _____ is expressed.

2. _____ is deep.
3. _____ is present.
4. _____ is prevailing.
5. _____ is evident.
6. _____ is found.
7. _____ is strong.
8. _____ is an inner quality.
9. _____ is practiced.

IV. What are my responsibilities in helping to make my present home a Christian

one? _____

lesson 2
Not Without Divine Design
Lesson scope - Psa. 16

- I. Acknowledge God's placement.
 - A. Each person is placed by _____ without anyones counsel or consent.
 - B. Note the example of _____. *Gen. 45:4-8*
 - C. Note the example of the little captive _____. *II Kings 5:1-4*
- II. Accept God's placement.
 - A. You were placed with love.
 - B. You were placed with keen interest by the Father. *Psa. 16:5*
 - 1. Notice "my inheritance".
 - 2. Notice "my cup".
 - 3. Notice "my lot".
 - C. You were placed with _____. *Psa. 16:6*
 - D. You were placed with the accompanying presence of _____.
Psa. 16:8
 - E. You were placed with mercy.
 - F. You were placed with the accompanying counsel _____ of God. *Psa. 16:7*
- III. Adhere to God's counsels.
 - A. Obey your _____, "in the Lord". *Eph. 6:16*

B. Give your parents _____. *Eph. 6:2*

C. Live at _____ with one another.

D. _____ one another. *Col. 3:13*

E. Forgive one another. *Col. 3:13*

1. Forgiveness releases us from _____.

2. Forgiveness is a _____.

3. _____ does have a cost.

4. Unforgiveness will _____ even more.

IV. There are blessings for adhering to God's counsels

A. We can be _____ among a rotting, decaying society. *Psa. 16:1*

B. "I will _____ the LORD. *Psa. 16:7*

C. "My heart is glad". *Psa. 16:9*

D. "My _____ rejoiceth". *Psa. 16:9*

E. "My flesh shall _____ in hope. *Psa. 16:9*

F. God will shew me the path of _____. *Psa. 16:11*

lesson 3
Relating to each other in the
Christian home

- I. Gods has laws for child/parent relationships.
 - A. _____ unto thy father that begat thee. *Pro. 23:22*
 - B. _____ thy father and thy mother. *Mark 7:10, Eph. 6:2*
 - C. _____ your parents in the Lord. *Eph. 6:2*
 - D. Ye shall _____ every man his mother and father. *Lev. 19:3*
 - E. _____ not thy mother when she is old. *Pro. 23:22*
- II. The Bible portrays examples of children relating to parents.
 - A. Note the example of Isaac. *Gen. 22*
 - B. Note the example of Joseph. *Gen. 47:12*
 - C. Note the example of the Reccobites. *Jer. 35*
 - D. Note the example of Samson. *Jud. 14-16*
 - E. Note the example of Absalom. *II. Sam. 15:13,14 - 18:9*
- III. We have a duty to our siblings.
 - A. Normally, you are _____ called to fill the role of their father or mother.
 - B. Relate in purity to one another. *I. Tim. 5:2*
 - C. We are to be "salt" not vinegar to those around us.
 - D. Your influence and example are powerful.

IV. There are warnings concerning failure.

A. Failure in relating properly to your parents brings grief and death.

1. "The eye that _____ his father and to obey his mother will be _____." *Pro. 30:17*
2. " _____ be he that setteth light by his father or his mother." *Deut. 27:16*
3. Disobedient youth were to be _____ with stones.
Deut. 21:18-21
4. Consider the law of _____ and reaping. *Gal. 6:7-8*

B. There are punishments for failures with your siblings.

1. Note the example of _____ brothers. *Gen. 37-45*
2. Note the example of _____. *II Sam. 13*

IV. I must acknowledge my indebtedness to my parents.

Write a short essay explaining what your parents have invested in your life from birth until the present. Consider the time and money it may have taken to provide food, clothing, shelter, health care, education, spiritual nurturing etc.

lesson 4
Determining God's Will for
Your life

I. God does have a plan for your life.

- A. _____ testifies. *Isa. 46:3, 49:5*
- B. _____ testifies in the Psalms. *Psa. 31:15, Psa. 139:13*
- C. God had a plan for _____. *Jud. 13:5, 16:17*
- D. _____ testifies. *Job 31:18*
- E. _____ testifies. *Jer. 1:5, 20:18*
- F. _____ testifies. *Jo. 9:1-3*

II. What kind of plan is it?

- A. It is a long-range plan because He knows our _____. *Isa. 48:8*
- B. God loves you, therefore, His plan is a _____ plan. *Jer. 31:3, Eph. 2:4-7*
- C. God's plan includes _____ for our good. *Heb. 12:6*
- D. God desires to see us _____. *I Thess. 5:23*

III. What steps do I take to discern God's will for my life?

- A. Develop a close _____ with God.
- B. Have an open _____ with Him. *Prov. 3:6*
- C. Feed continually on the _____. *Psa. 119:105*
- D. Yield to, and obey his revealed will (the written Word).
- E. Consider your personal _____. *I Cor. 7:1-11*
- F. Consider the needs of the church. *I Tim. 5:14*

G. Consider your own _____ make-up. *Matt. 19:11-12*

H. Give consideration to godly _____. *Pro. 11:14*

IV. Acknowledge the sacredness of His will and plan.

A. Read about _____ example. *Luke 2:19*

B. Follow the admonition to _____ on your calling. *Ro. 12:6-8*

lesson 5

Christian Courtship

- I. What is the purpose of Courtship?
 - A. It is to find a suitable companion. *Pro. 18:22*
 - B. It is to discover whether characters, personalities and _____ are compatible. *Luke 14:26-30*
- II. Know what to look for in a life's companion.
 - A. Obtain direction from God.
 - 1. Let marriage be "only in the Lord". *I Co. 11*
 - 2. Avoid marrying close relatives. *Lev. 18*
 - B. Look for inner beauty.
 - 1. A young woman should be:
 - a. Submissive to her Father and brothers. *I Co. 11*
 - b. Walking in holiness of life. *I Peter 3*
 - c. Exhibiting the fear of God instead of silliness.
 - d. Modestly dressed.
 - e. Exhibiting a _____ and quiet spirit.
 - f. Shamefaced and _____. *I Ti. 2:9*
 - g. Trustworthy. "The heart of her husband doth safely _____ in her". *Pr. 31*

- h. She layeth her hands to the _____.
- i. She stretcheth out her hands to the _____.
- j. She _____ children and they enjoy her.

2. Young men should be:

- a. S_____. *Ti. 2:6*
- b. Shewing a _____ of good works. *Ti. 2:7*
- c. Submissive to _____. *I Pe. 3:13*
- d. Does he bestow honor upon his "heads"? *Eccl. 2:14*
- e. Is he living a holy life?
- f. Can he "stick to it" and hold a job?
- g. Does he have good _____ qualities?
- h. How does he relate to his _____ and sisters?
- i. Does he show _____ and justice?
- j. Does he clean up after _____?

III. Establish and work for specific goals in your courtship.

- A. Man is to take the initiative. *Pr. 18:22*
- B. Seek relationships that are blessed by God, both sets of _____, and the church.
- C. Proceed carefully. *Pr. 4:23*
- D. Physical _____ is postponed. *I Co. 7*
- E. Bible reading and prayer is practiced both separately and together.
- F. The time spent together is in a _____ fashion.
- G. Courtship should be concluded with an appropriate culmination or termination. *Matt. 7:12*

lesson 6
Engagement and Marriage
Genesis 24

- I. Consider these questions before engagement.
- A. Is God's _____ upon this relationship? v. 30
 - B. Does this person possess the _____ of the Spirit?
 - C. Is there a willingness to leave _____?
 - D. Is this person willing to serve beyond _____? v. 18-20
 - E. Is this person _____? v. 16
 - F. Does this person show _____ for others? v. 18
 - G. Does this person practice _____? v. 23- 28
 - H. What _____ is the parental "light"? v. 59-60
 - I. What _____ is the church "light"?
 - J. Are our _____ for life compatible?
- II. Pay attention to special details at the time of engagement.
- A. The proposal should be initiated by the _____.
 - B. Consent of the girl's _____ should be acquired first. v. 47-51
 - C. The engagement vow is _____ and should not be taken lightly. v. 58
 - D. The financial load of _____ should be discussed.
 - E. Long engagements are _____. v 56

III. The wedding and marriage should be thoroughly discussed.

- A. The _____ should be planned by both.
- B. Marriage is an _____ of the church, therefore, the church has the right to give guidance in the arrangements.
 - 1. These stipulations may include the date, time and _____.
 - 2. These stipulations may also include the practices, attire, music, and _____ asked to help in the wedding.
- C. The two shall become _____. *Matt. 19:6*
- D. The marriage union is performed by _____ Himself. *Matt. 19:6*
- E. What God _____ together, man may not put asunder. *Matt. 19:6*
- F. Purpose to conduct yourselves and your special day in such a way as to avoid post wedding confessions and _____.

IV. Plan your wedding trip with care.

- A. Consider the expense and what you can _____. *Luke 14:28-30*
- B. Remember the _____ Day to keep it holy. *Ex. 20:8, Neh.10:31*
- C. Be careful what _____ you leave.
- D. Focus on _____ during this time.
 - 1. Don't create stress for yourselves by planning heavy sightseeing schedules and long, tiresome days of travel.
 - 2. Do stay in touch with your parental homes.
- E. Avoid post wedding trip regrets and _____.

lesson 7

Single and Satisfied in His Service

Matt. 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, Jo 11:19-46, Jo. 12:1-8

- I. Satisfaction can be found regardless of our _____ status.
- A. Was Mary of Bethany married or single?
- B. Mary displayed so much devotion to Jesus that He declared what she did would be preached and remembered throughout the whole world.

Mk. 14:3-9

- II. Satisfaction and contentment can be found in an intimate acquaintance and relationship with _____.
- A. Jesus came unto Bethany to the house of a _____.
- B. The master _____ for Mary. *Jo. 11:28*
- C. Mary obeyed _____, and quietly. *Jo. 11:31, 32*
- D. Mary _____ down at Jesus' feet.
- E. Mary verbally expressed her _____ in Jesus; his ability to meet the need.
- F. Mary _____ before Jesus.
- G. Jesus _____ before Mary and the others.

- III. Satisfaction is found in a full surrender to Jesus.

- A. We must surrender our cherished ones.
- B. We must surrender our possessions.
- C. We must surrender our personal hopes and dreams.
- D. We must surrender our reputation.

E. We must surrender our lives to _____ in Christian service.

Matt. 25:35-45

1. Feed the _____.
2. Exercise _____ and/or shelter to the needy.
3. Supply _____ for the naked .
4. Provide care for the _____.
5. Visit the _____.

IV. Satisfaction can be found in the face of opposition.

- A. _____ said , "Why wasn't this sold and the money given to the poor?"
- B. The disciples were _____.
- C. Others murmured and said, "Why was this _____ of ointment made?"
- D. Jesus offers us reassurance. "She hath _____ what she _____."

V. Dedicated singles are valued assets to the church and community.

- A. The house was full of _____.
- B. Their lives can provide a treasured and remembered example for others to follow.

lesson 8
Lo, Children are an Heritage
of the Lord
Psa. 127, 128, 139

- I. The world views children with cloudy vision.
 - A. They see them as a _____.
 - B. They say they are _____.
 - C. They claim you can't _____ them.
 - D. They insist that if you have any, it surely shouldn't be _____.
- II. The Bible puts things in clear perspective.
 - A. The Biblical view is the _____ view.
 - B. It is a _____ view.
 - C. Children are an "heritage" of the _____.
 - D. Children are a _____ from God.
 - E. The man is _____ who has his quiver full of them.
 - F. They are likened to _____ in the hand of a _____ man.
 - 1. An arrow is carved and straightened carefully.
 - 2. An arrow is sharpened.
 - 3. An arrow brings happiness when handled properly.
 - 4. An arrow must be aimed carefully; precisely, if it is going to ultimately hit the _____.
 - 5. An arrow is not _____ by its own power.
 - G. Children are likened to olive plants.
 - 1. An olive tree depicts _____ blessing.

2. An olive tree is a resource of _____ and beauty.
3. All young plants need to be _____, irrigated, fertilized, and pruned.
4. An uncared for plant will bring _____ to those that it belongs to.
5. Tender plants need a controlled _____.
6. An olive tree must be _____ for years before it comes to full fruition.
7. The olive tree is known for it's _____.

III. The Christian's view of children is a positive one.

- A. A child becomes a living soul at _____.
- B. Children are desired and accepted as gifts _____ from God.
- C. Parenting is viewed as a rewarding stewardship.
 1. This stewardship requires that we provide for their physical, spiritual and emotional needs.
 2. It is a stewardship given for an unknown _____ of time.
 3. The excitement of this stewardship is tempered by _____.

lesson 9
Dealing with Difficult Relationships

- I. Examine Samson's relationship with his first wife. *Jud. 14*
- A. They were from differing backgrounds and _____.
 - B. His wife's people threatened her and her father's house.
 - C. Samson's wife used tears for selfish purposes.
 - D. She accused him of _____ her.
 - E. She was more committed to her people than to Samson.
 - F. She wept in front of him for a whole _____.
 - G. She pressured him with words, tears and her behavior.
 - H. Samson exploded and stalked off to his father's house.
 - I. Samson's wife was given to another.
 - J. Their marriage only lasted seven days.
- II. Examine Samson and Delilah's relationship. *Jud. 16*
- A. Again, they were from differing backgrounds and religions.
 - B. Delilah's people bribed her to entice him.
 - C. Delilah was deceitful with Samson.
 - D. Delilah was not single-hearted. She had other _____ in the house.
 - E. She blamed him of mocking her and _____ to her.
 - F. She declared he didn't love her.
 - G. She was domineering and overbearing.
 - H. He "told his heart" to a woman who had already proven herself as tricky and unreliable.

I. She enticed him to sleep on her _____, then she cut off his connection to God.

J. She allowed the Philistines to bind him and haul him away to prison.

III. Examine the relationship between Nabal and Abigail. *I Sam. 25:2-38*

A. Abigail was a woman of good understanding and of beautiful countenance but Nabal was _____ and evil in his doings.

B. Nabal was very wealthy but very selfish. *v. 11*

C. Nabal was reputed as a son of Belial, unable to be spoken to.

D. Abigail testified that he was true to his name and that _____ was with him.

Study Questions:

1. What went wrong with Samson's first marriage? _____

What counsel could you have given Samson and his wife? _____

2. What went wrong with Samson's relationship with Delilah? _____

What counsel would you have given?

3. What pointers can we learn from Abigail in relating to difficult people?

lesson 10
Building Homes that Glorify God

I. Man can not build successfully alone. *Jer. 10:23*

- A. Mans material is _____.
- B. Cursed is the man that _____ in himself. *Jer. 17:5*
- C. Except the _____ build the house, the workman laboreth in vain. *Psa. 127*

II. Follow God's building codes.

- A. A reinforced _____ with footers below frost must be installed. _____

- B. A sturdy, weight-bearing _____ is needed. _____

- C. Hefty _____ to support the roof and provide space for insulation must be erected. _____

- D. Install a _____ structure designed for your area. _____

- E. Sufficient exterior _____ must be placed in proper locations.

- F. Proper sized _____ are necessary in every room. _____

- G. A complete _____ service including lights, outlets, and smoke detectors must be installed. _____

- H. Install sufficient _____ for your climate. _____

- I. Install a central _____ and cooling system. _____

- J. Running _____ should be available in kitchen, laundry and bathrooms. _____

- K. Soft, durable _____ adds comfort to a house. _____

- L. Frame doorways and install _____ between rooms. _____

- M. A central _____ system or a good portable sweeper is a must. _____

- N. Purchase and place practical _____.

- O. Some major _____ are needed, also. _____

- P. If possible, add _____ for beauty, fragrance, and improvement of our environment. _____
