

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Study 43 HOME

Tonight we will discuss the HOME as it is taught in the Scriptures.

1) THE HOME WAS CREATED BY GOD.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 2:18 ¶ And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

21 ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

2) MARRIAGE IS BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN.

Genesis 3:20 ¶ And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

Matthew 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

3) THE FAMILY UNIT WAS ALWAYS INTENDED TO SERVE GOD TOGETHER.

Joshua 24:15 ¶ And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Psalms 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

4) THERE ARE BIBLICAL ROLES FOR THE HOME.

A. THE WIFE'S ROLE.

1. Submit.

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Submit means to be placed under in rank or to be under the power or authority of another. Also, submit means to let another lead. The phrase as unto the Lord has a two-fold meaning. It means, as if your husband was the Lord and it means as the husband is leading as the

Lord would lead you. God is not saying that wives should submit to their husbands when they want the wives to do something that is sinful.

The other times in the Bible where this same root word is used are...

Ephesians 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Colossians 3:18 ¶ Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

1 Peter 3:1 ¶ Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

2. Reverence.

Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Reverence means to be in awe or to regard with deep respect and love. It also means to see as an important person. Your husband ought to be the most important person in your life outside of God Himself. This is especially to be the case in front of the children.

3. Love.

Titus 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

The word love in this context means to be affectionate. It is easy for the wife to be deeply in love but it is hard for her to always be affectionate. But, God commands wives to be affectionate to their husbands.

1 Corinthians 7:1 ¶ Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

4. Keepers at home.

Titus 2:5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

This means to be a stayer at home or a good housekeeper. The well being of your children and your husband ought to be important to you. Being able to make a good home is the wife's role from God.

5. Obedient.

Titus 2:5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

1 Peter 3:6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

6. Meek and quiet spirit.

1 Peter 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

This means to be humble and not loud. The wife should never want to be the center of attention. The wife should never be loud or demanding or a nag.

B. THE HUSBAND'S ROLE.

1. Be the head of the home.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

This means the leader or the position of leadership. You are responsible for what direction your family goes. The buck stops at you and God is going to hold you accountable for your home. Your wife should never be more spiritual than you if you are truly the leader of the home. The same fits for your children.

2. The provider of the home.

1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

It is up to you to see that your families needs are met. This also includes when you are not around. What would happen to your wife if you were to suddenly die? You should make it so that your wife and children will be provided for.

3. The savior of the home.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

This means you are to be the deliverer and the protector of the home.

4. Love.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

This means to deeply love your wife. It is easy for a man to be affectionate but it is not easy to deeply love. This is a command from God. This means that you should care about the feelings of your wife. This also means that your wife should never be treated like she is just along for the bedroom.

Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

This also means that you are to never hate your wife. God knew that it would be easy for one who is primarily logical to get frustrated with one who is primarily emotional but you should never do that if you deeply love your wife.

5. Give yourself for your wife.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

You are to give your life for your family and your wife. An example would be that when you work, you are working for your family, not just for yourself.

6. Sanctify your wife.

Ephesians 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

This is to set apart as yours. She belongs to no one else and you will have no one else. This involves the morals of your relationship.

7. Cleanse your wife.

Ephesians 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

This means that you give her what she needs to be the prettiest and best wife she can be. This also means to make her without spot or blemish. It is up to you to make it so that she does not live in a sinful environment.

8. Nourish and cherish your wife.

Ephesians 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

This means to take care of her and to protect her from harm. She is supposed to be more precious to you than anyone and anything else in the world to you outside of Jesus Christ.

9. Joined to your wife.

Ephesians 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

This means to cleave to her or to be glued to her with permanent glue. You will stay by her and never leave her. She needs to have this security in your relationship because you are her provider. Do things together and enjoy her company.

10. Honor her.

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

This means to value to the highest degree. “As the weaker vessel” means to treat her gently and special. Open the door for her, be polite to her, and treat her as a queen. When there are conflicts between her and the children choose her side. Never under any circumstance should you hit her or yell at her or mistreat her!

C. THE CHILDREN’S ROLE.

1. Obey.

Ephesians 6:1 ¶ Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

God meant ALL THINGS! This simply means that children are to always do what their parents say as long as they live at home.

2. Honour them.

Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

This means to prize and revere and to make them proud of you. This is always accomplished by living right and by living for God!

D. THE PARENT’S ROLE.

1. Provoke not.

Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

Do not anger or enrage your children. You can do this by being hypocritical, by showing favorites, or by mistreating the children.

2. Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

This means to educate them. Warn them and teach them to be godly. This includes Biblical discipline. God commands parents to discipline their children the way the Bible says to. If you do not instruct your children to live godly lives, God will hold you personally accountable. You have no right to teach your children differently than what is found in the Bible.

Psalms 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

3. Love your children.

Titus 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

This is maternal love and care.