

LESSON 9

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Introduction: The Family is the first human organization that God established. It must be the center of society or society will collapse. Solid well-balanced families produce solid well-balanced individuals.

A. The Author of the Family:

1. God is the sole author of the family. **Genesis 1:27,28; Matthew 19:4**
2. God's system of:
 - a. Creating the family is marriage. **Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19:5,6**
 - b. Continuing the family tradition is bearing and raising children.

Genesis 9:1; Psalm 127:3,4.

B. The Authority in the Christian Family:

1. The head, the husband and father is to be the leader of the home. **Genesis 3:16; Ephesians 5:23; I Corinthians 11:3**
2. The wife and mother is to be in subjection to her husband and yet have authority of the children. **Ephesians 5:22-24, 33; Colossians 3:18; I Peter 3:1-6; Proverbs 29:15**

C. The Anatomy (structure) of the Christian Family:

1. Responsibilities of the man is to provide his family what they need:
 - a. Material needs. **I Timothy 5:8; I Thessalonians 4:11,12**
 - b. Emotional needs. **Ephesians 5:25,28-31; Colossians 3:19; I Corinthians 7:3-5**
 - c. Spiritual needs. **Ephesians 5:26, 27; I Corinthians 14:34,35; I Peter 3:7**
 - d. Instructional needs. **Deuteronomy 4:1-9, 6:2; Ephesians 5:26, 6:4**
 - e. Corrective needs. **Proverbs 14:24, 19:18, 22:6,15, 23:13,14, 29:17.**

f. Be an example of leadership, justice, courage and submission to God.

2. Responsibilities of the woman is to provide the needs of her husband (a “*help meet*”, **Genesis 2:20**) and children:

a. Material needs. **Proverbs 31:10-31; Titus 2:5; I Samuel 1:23**

b. Emotional needs. **Titus 2:4; I Corinthians 7:3-5**

c. Instructional needs. **Proverbs 31:26,27**

d. Corrective needs (same as husband). **Proverbs 29:15**

e. Be an example of submitting to authority, love, mercy and purity.

3. The responsibilities of the child in the family:

a. Obey and respect adults. **Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20**

b. Learn to work by doing family chores consistently. **Genesis 37:12; I Samuel 9:3,4 16:11, 17:15**

c. Attend to parental teaching. **Proverbs 1:8,9, 13:1**

d. Take care of parents when grown. **I Timothy 5:4; Genesis 45:9-11, 47:12**

QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 9

1. The first human organization that God established was the_____.

2. What two verses in Genesis One show that God is the sole author of the family:_____and_____.

3. God’s system or method of creating the family is _____ according to Gen. 2:18-24.

4. God’s way of continuing the family tradition is by _____ according to Gen. 9:1 and Psalm 127:3,4.

5. According to Gen. 3:16 and Eph. 5:23, the _____ is to be head and leader of the home.

6. The wife or mother is to be in _____ submission to her husband according to Eph. 5:22-24.

7. The mother is to have authority over the _____ according to Prov. 29:15.

8. Give a verse of Scripture to show that each of the following needs are the responsibility of the man in the family: a)material needs _____; b)devotional needs _____; c)spiritual needs _____; d)instructional needs _____; e)corrective (discipline needs) _____.

9. Give one verse of Scripture to show the responsibilities of the woman in the home as a helpmeet and a provider for her children: a)material needs _____; b)emotional needs _____; c)instructional needs _____; d)corrective needs _____.

10. Give one verse of Scripture for each of the following responsibilities of the child in the family: a)obey and respect adults _____; b)learning to work _____; c)attend to parental teaching _____; d)taking care of parents _____.