

## 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.

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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**

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#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_.