

# THE FAMILY

According to  
God's Plan



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***A Study Guide for Everyone***

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## **DEDICATION:**

As Rev. Timothy II, I hereby Dedicate this “Study Guide” to my Wife of over 60 years (Lavona) and our Family. I also Dedicate this “Study Guide” with Love from our Family to your Family.

Because ‘Family Traditions’ are many times celebrated through special Holidays, I would hereby like to present to you along with this Dedication, one of our ‘Family Traditions’ that we celebrate at Christmas time.

The following letter is one that I recently received at Christmas time from our Granddaughter Keri, who is an elementary schoolteacher in Northern California (one of about eleven Teachers in our Family).

The letter explains how our Family has celebrated Christmas Eve by playing certain games that we began many years ago. I started these games not only because we had very little money for buying Gifts for Christmas, but also because as a kid I myself loved to open Grab Bags anywhere and anytime because of the feeling of suspense I received before opening them up. Thus, giving out a small amount of money and some inexpensive Gifts through the Grab Bag became a ‘Family Tradition’. This was always welcomed by our Family with the excitement that the Grab Bag offered and eventually through a Money Tree and other games that were added.

This letter from our Granddaughter Keri has been written in her own words, and is offered for your perusal as an example of how important Family gatherings and the Family itself can be to children as they grow up in their lifetime. The importance of this story to me is that it is a confirmation on how God inspired me to use whatever means or methods I could to help bring our Family together at Christmas time.

Another important Tradition we have at Christmas time is that I always take some time before we open the Grab Bag and the Money Tree to talk about our Family and to share with them about those members that have gone on to be with the Lord. Included in this time I also share about what Christmas means to us as a Family and that we celebrate it because JESUS IS the Reason for the Season!

### **AN ODE TO THE ORIGINAL GRAB BAG (As written by our Granddaughter Keri)**

The Grab Bag started with Families, Sandi, Kandi, Kimi, their husbands and their young children. It started with paper bag wrapped Gifts and a plain old white bed sheet. Puzzles, nail sets, chocolate cherries, VHS tapes, all spread out across the carpet, concealed by a snow-like sheet, lumpy with the mystery of what lay underneath.

My brothers and I had the good fortune of traveling from far away-and thus being able to see the process in action. Grandpa’s office stacked with the paper bag Gifts, and of course, the decorating of the actual Grab Bag cardboard house. We hung plastic ornaments, pulled out the paper cut-out of Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and propped the box up on kitchen stools so the goods could be stored underneath.

Nobody could wait for Christmas Eve. As the sun started to fade we gathered around the pile of

Gifts, took our turns-youngest to oldest, waited patiently for Pop-Pop to carefully un-tape his package and smile at whatever was inside, and kept our eyes peeled for a good trade if needed.

No matter what mish mashed pile of goods I ended up with I was delighted. The final result could be a Bible storybook, fuzzy socks, a pair of men's clippers, and/or a towel pack; it was the perfect combination!

For as long as I can remember, I have loved Christmas with a passion. Perhaps this is one of the legacies I have inherited from my Grandpa. Perhaps this is something instilled in me as a child surrounded by paper bag Gifts. I have since spent many Christmases longing for the simple perfection of those days, when our Families were whole and our attention undivided. The blessing of these Christmases has not gone unnoted. The memories themselves are enough to keep my heart full, to hope that I can Love as big as that, and to leave me ever grateful for the Gift you have given.

Thank you Grandpa.

Keri



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## THE FAMILY - ACCORDING TO GOD'S PLAN

### INTRODUCTION:

This "Study Guide" has been written for the purpose of clarifying the True definition and purpose of the "Family" as designed according to 'God's Plan'.

The "Family" itself is the most important 'Grouping' that has been created by God, for Life here on Earth.

A 'Grouping' according to the Dictionary is:

- The act or process of combining into groups.
- Two or more figures forming a complete unit in a composition.
- A number of individuals assembled together or having some unifying relationship.

Through the "Family" God has designed a perfect 'Plan' for the Human Race to live and to grow in complete harmony with Him. By the distribution of mankind into "Families", God has arranged this perfect 'Plan' to meet all of the entire physical, mental, psychological and emotional needs of each individual. Once a Man leaves his 'Father' and 'Mother', the Man is to cleave to his 'Wife', and through 'sexual intercourse' the two shall become one 'Flesh'. This part of the beginning of the "Family" has been designed by God in order to complete the multiplication cycle of people here on earth.

Although the following Scripture is about Israel being divided by God for their punishment for Sinning; the purpose for this "Study Guide" is merely to explain how the following Scripture describes some of the 'Groupings' that the Lord has divided His people into. Here it shows that God divided them into 'Tribes', "Families", 'Households' and 'Individuals'.

### Josh 7:14

14 **In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes** (7626 'shebet' - to branch off; a clan or tribe); **and it shall be, that the tribe** (7626) **which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families** (4940 'mishpachah' - a Family, circle of relatives or kindred) **thereof; and the family** (4940) **which the LORD shall take shall come by households** (1004 'bayith' - a house, especially a Family, home or household); **and the household** (1004) **which the LORD shall take shall come man by man** (OT:1397 'geber' - generally a person or man; thus man by man or person by person).

One of the major problems happening today is the 'distortion' of the "Family". This is happening throughout the earth and has become the leading cause of why the whole World is in utter chaos. Most Nations today have taken God's perfect 'Plan' and have 'Bastardized' it through man's mental, educational, social, medical, scientific and religious misguidance.

To 'Bastardize' according to the Dictionary is:

- To reduce from a higher to a lower state or condition.
- To modify especially by introducing ‘discordant’ (which means being at variance or relating to a discord) and/or ‘disparate’ elements (which means containing or made up of fundamentally different and often incongruous elements).
- To declare or prove to be a ‘Bastard’.

Today’s media is also highly responsible for this ‘Bastardization’ of the “Family” as it often portrays the “Family” in man-made ‘groupings’ that are completely irrelevant, despicable, and unacceptable to everyone who call themselves Christians.

I believe that today even we Christians have watered down many areas of the “Family” such as in discipline, sexual matters, relationships, order, submission, obedience, time spent, character and reputations. The Bible teaches that as a Christian (particularly those in Leadership) you must keep your ‘Family’ in Order if you want to Serve God according to His ‘Plan’.

The following Study contains the ‘Counsel of the Lord’ that is pertinent in helping you to be able to accomplish this.

With these things in mind, please proceed to read through the rest of this “Study Guide” and learn what God’s ‘Plan’ is for you and your “Family”. It is only through the ‘Word of God’ that these things can be ‘**Truthfully**’ explained! (Proverbs 22:20-21 Psalms 100:5)

## **I. IN THE BEGINNING:**

‘In the Beginning’ God created the creatures in the waters and the fowls of the sky. Then God Blessed them saying be ‘Fruitful’ and ‘Multiply’, thus forming them into “Families” of their ‘kind’.

### **Gen 1:20-22**

20 **And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving** (8318 - active mass of minute animals) **creature that hath life, and fowl** (birds) **that may fly above the earth in the open firmament** (visible arch of the sky) **of heaven.**

21 **And God created great whales, and every living** (2416 - living thing) **creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl** (bird) **after his kind: and God saw that it was good** (beautiful).

22 **And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful** (6509 - bear fruit, bring forth fruit, grow), **and multiply** (7235 - increase, enlarge, grow more in number), **and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl** (birds) **multiply** (7235) **in the earth.**

Then God created the living creatures and beasts of the earth and Blessed them saying be ‘Fruitful’ and ‘Multiply’, and they too were formed into “Families” of their kind.

### **Gen 1:24-25**

24 **And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living** (2416 - living beast or thing) **creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing** (reptiles), **and beast** (2416 - living thing or creature) **of the earth after his kind: and it was so.**

25 **And God made the beast** (2416 - living thing or creature) **of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth** (reptiles) **upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good** (beautiful).

Then God created Man (both Male and Female) in His image and after the likeness of the “Godhead”. (Acts 17:24-29 Romans 1:20 1 John 5:7) Then He gave them dominion over all the living things of the earth.

### **Gen 1:26-27**

26 **And God said, Let us make man** (120 ‘adam’ - a human being, a person, mankind) **in our image** (resemblance), **after our likeness** (fashion, manner or ‘similitude’ - which is a visible likeness): **and let them have dominion** (rule over or reign) **over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl** (birds) **of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing** (reptiles) **that creepeth upon the earth.**

27 **So God created man** (120 ‘adam’ - a human being, a person, mankind) **in his own image** (resemblance), **in the image** (resemblance) **of God created he him; male** (man as being in his sexual form) **and female** (from her sexual form) **created he them.**

First God created the Man (Adam); then He created the Woman (Eve) ‘out’ of the Man. After this the Woman (Eve) then became the life-giver and the first Mother of all the living.

### **Gen 2:21-23**

21 **And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam** (120) **and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof** (underneath):

22 **And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man** (120), **made he a woman** (802 - female or Wife), **and brought her unto the man** (120).

23 **And Adam** (120) **said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman** (802), **because she was taken out of Man** (male or Husband).

### **Gen 3:20**

20 **And Adam** (120) **called his wife's** (802) **name Eve** (2332 - life-giver or the first woman): **because she was the mother** (517 - a mother as a bond of the Family) **of all living.**

After Adam and Eve were created, God set in order His future ‘Marriage’ ‘Plan’. That ‘Plan’ included a Man’s leaving of his ‘Mother’ and ‘Father’ and the cleaving to his ‘Wife’. Then the Two would become united as one flesh through ‘sexual intercourse’.

### **Gen 2:24**

24 **Therefore shall a man** (376 - an individual male) **leave his father** (1) **and his mother** (517 - a mother as a bond of the Family), **and shall cleave** (to cling or adhere to, be joined together, or stick together) **unto his wife** (802): **and they shall be one** (united as one) **flesh** (body, person, kind or kin).

Thus God formed a Man and a Woman to become complete through ‘Marriage’; and thereby becoming ‘Fruitful’ and ‘Multiplying’, and making a “Family”, and replenishing the earth. God also formed “Families” so that their heirs would be able to continue to subdue, and to keep dominion over every living thing.

**Gen 1:28**

28 **And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful** (6509 - bear fruit, bring forth fruit, grow), **and multiply** (7235 - increase, enlarge, grow more in number), **and replenish** (fill) **the earth, and subdue it** (3533 to 'subjugate' - which means to bring under control and governance as a subject); **and have dominion** (rule over or reign) **over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl** (birds) **of the air, and over every living thing** (2416 - creature or beast) **that moveth upon the earth.**

**Gen 4:1**

1 **And Adam knew** (made himself known to, or slept with) **Eve his wife; and she conceived** (became pregnant), **and bare** (begat, birthed, bore or delivered) **Cain, and said, I have gotten a man** (376) **from the LORD** (Jehovah).

**II. THE MEANING OF THE WORD FAMILY:**

The following is the meaning of the word "Family".

The "Family" according to the Dictionary is:

- The basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children.
- Any of various social units differing from but regarded as equivalent to the traditional family such as a single-parent family and/or spouse and children.
- A group of persons of common ancestry.
- A people or group of peoples regarded as deriving from a common stock.
- The descendants or line of a particular individual especially of some outstanding female.

The "Family" in Hebrew is:

**OT:4940 mishpachah** (mish-paw-khaw'); from OT:8192 [compare OT:8198]; **a family**, i.e. **circle of relatives**; figuratively, a class (of persons), a species (of animals) or sort (of things); by extens. a tribe or people:  
KJV - **family, kind (-red).**

The "Family" in the Greek is:

**NT:3965 patria** (pat-ree-ah'); as if feminine of a derivative of NT:3962; **paternal descent.**, i.e. (concretely) **a group of families** or a whole race (nation):  
KJV - **family, kindred, lineage.**

The following Scripture is an 'example' of the meaning of what a "Family" consists of.

**Jer 29:6**

6 **Take ye wives** (802), **and beget sons** (1121) **and daughters** (1323); **and take wives** (802) **for your sons** (1121), **and give your daughters** (1323) **to husbands** (582), **that they may bear sons** (1121) **and daughters** (1323); **that ye may be increased** (7235) **there, and not diminished** (lessened, small or fewer in number, decreased, or brought to nothing).

The word 'Household' is a basic part of and is synonymous with the term "Family".

‘Household’ according to the Dictionary means:

- Those who dwell under the same roof and compose a “Family”.

The ‘Household’ in Hebrew is:

**OT:1004 bayith** (bah'-yith); probably from OT:1129 abbreviated; **a house** (in the greatest variation of applications, **especially family**, etc.):

KJV - court, daughter, door, dungeon, **family**, forth of, great as would contain, hangings, **home** [born], [winter] **house** (-**hold**), inside (-ward), palace, place, prison, steward, tablet, temple, web, within (-out).

‘Household’ in the Greek is:

**NT:3624 oikos** (oy'-kos); of uncertain affinity; a dwelling (more or less extensive, literal or figurative); **by implication a family** (more or less related, literal or figuratively):

KJV - **home, house** (-**hold**), temple.

### **III. FAMILY TIME:** (“Family Time” is ‘Time’ well spent!)

As already mentioned, after God created Man and Woman, He then gave the Commandment to be ‘Fruitful’ and ‘Multiply’. Thus God Commanded the creation of the “Family”. (Genesis 1:26-28) Since God ‘grouped’ people into “Families” it is obvious that God planned for us to prioritize much of our ‘Time’ to be spent together with each other. Yet many of us today spend much of our ‘Time’ doing many other things which we believe are more important than our “Families”. This is a mistake! We should spend as much ‘Time’ as possible with our Spouse, Children, Brothers and Sisters, Mother and Father, Grandparents, in Laws, and other “Family” members.

A good way to do this is by getting together with our “Families” and celebrating such things as Holidays, Vacations, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, and/or Sporting Events. When we do get together, we need to learn to listen to each other, without the use of things that distract our attention such as Cell Phones, I Phones, Smart Phones, I Pads, Computers, the Internet, TV, etc. If you will do this, eventually you will learn to enjoy each other’s company!

Some Christians, especially those in ‘Church Leadership’, sometimes spend too much of their ‘Time’ at Church functions rather than with their own “Families”. Although Church Ministry is very important, we need to realize that the Church was **not** created as a ‘substitute’ for the “Family” (unless of course you have no “Family”). That is why God **Commands** that ‘Church Leaders’, including “Pastors”, not only need to take care of their ‘Families’, but they also need to keep their “Families” in ‘Order’ if they expect to adequately Serve Him **in** the Church.

(1 Timothy 3:2 3:4-5 3:11-12 Titus 1:6-7)

‘Church Leaders’ that do not spend quality ‘Time’ with their ‘Wife’ and ‘Children’ or do not take “Family” Vacations, can very well lead to their getting burned-out. This can also result in their ‘Children’ becoming disobedient, and/or the “Family” becoming ‘Out of Order’. If ‘Church Leaders’ allow this to continue, it will often lead to Divorce.

One time while ministering in a Church in the Philippines, I was led by the Holy Spirit to recommend to the “Pastor” that he needed to take his ‘Wife’ on a Vacation. He then proudly stated in front of his Church that he had never taken a Vacation in seven years. When confronted with this statement, his ‘Wife’ began to cry and said that she had always wanted to take a Vacation but she was afraid to ask. Also, she stated that they had very little money to be able to do this. I then prayed over them, gave them some money and they announced to their Congregation that they were going to be gone for the next week, and that the Assistant “Pastor” was going to lead the Church at the next Service. The whole Congregation stood up and applauded. I believe this was God’s plan to help save this “Pastor’s” Marriage and his Church.

Here in the following Scriptures Jesus told the “Apostles” to take some time off and to ‘rest’.

**Mark 6:31-32 Luke 9:10**

31 **And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart (down) into a desert (solitary) place, and rest (take ease and refresh) a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure (convenient time or opportunity) so much as to eat.**

32 **And they departed into a desert (solitary) place by ship privately.**

Remember, even God took a day off to ‘rest’! (Genesis 2:2-3)

**Heb 4:3-4**

3 **For we which have believed (have Faith, commit to Trust, especially ones Spiritual well being to Christ) do enter into rest (2663 - to repose or lie down), as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest (2663): although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.**

4 **For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise (in this way), And God did rest (2664 - did settle down) the seventh day from all his works.**

If you want to truly enter into God’s ‘rest’ and spend more time with your “Family”; then cease from your own works as God did from His!

**Heb 4:9-10**

9 **There remaineth therefore a rest (4520 - the repose of Christianity as a type of Heaven) to the people of God.**

10 **For he that is entered into his rest (2663), he also hath ceased from his own works (deeds, doings, labor, or toil as an effort or occupation), as God did from his.**

Another good idea for ‘Christian Leaders’ to help keep your ‘Wives’ happy is, as often as possible, take her out to dinner by yourself. If you have ‘Children’ get a babysitter! I learned a long time ago after over 60 years of Marriage that it is important to do this. The great thing about eating out alone with your ‘Wife’ is that you can sit across the table from each other and look at each other ‘face to face’. This allows seeing them ‘eye to eye’ and brings about more direct communication with them than they usually get at home. Other advantages for your ‘Wife’ is that she does not have to prepare the meal, serve you, nor clean up the dishes afterward; therefore your full attention is on ‘each other’!

**Prov 15:17**

17 **Better** (the best, pleasant, precious and sweet) **is a dinner of herbs** (vegetables) **where love** (and affection) **is, than a stalled** (fatted) **ox** (calf) **and hatred therewith.**

**IV. SEX IN MARRIAGE:**

God created Man in His own image. He created both Male and Female; and His first Commandment to them was to be 'Fruitful' and to 'Multiply' in order to replenish and subdue the earth. Thus, God created 'Sex in Marriage' in order to accomplish His Commandment.

To avoid fornication, Paul recommends here that every Man should have his own 'Wife' and every Woman should have her own 'Husband'.

\*Notice here also that "Marriage" as created by God consists of **One Man** and **One Woman!**

**1 Cor 7:2**

2 **Nevertheless, to avoid fornication** (which includes harlotry, adultery, incest, idolatry or indulging in unlawful lust of either sex), **let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.**

**1 Cor 7:9**

9 **But if they cannot contain** (exercise self-restraint, or be temperate), **let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn** (to be inflamed with lust).

The Dictionary explains the meanings of 'Fornication' and what it includes as follows:

'Fornication' means:

- Consensual sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other.

'Harlotry' means:

- Sexual 'profligacy' which is completely given up to dissipation and licentiousness.
- An unprincipled or immoral woman.

'Adultery' means:

- Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married man and someone other than his wife or between a married woman and someone other than her husband.

'Incest' means:

- Sexual intercourse between persons so closely related that they are forbidden by law to marry.
- The statutory crime of such a relationship.

'Idolatry' means:

- The worship of a physical object as a god.
- Immoderate (exceeding) attachment or devotion to something.

'Unlawful' means:

- Not lawful.
- Not morally right or conventional.

'Lust' means:

- Personal inclination.

- Usually intense or unbridled sexual desire.
- An intense longing.

Here it is specified that the ‘Husband’ and the ‘Wife’ should show mutual ‘respect’, ‘affection’ and ‘kindness’ in their ‘Sexual Intimacy’.

### **1 Cor 7:3-5**

3 **Let the husband render** (give or pay) **unto the wife due benevolence** (respect, affection and kindness); **and likewise also the wife unto the husband.**

In order to show mutual ‘respect’ in their ‘Sexual Intimacy’, the ‘Husband’ and the ‘Wife’ must ‘lovingly’ give their power (authority or control) over their own bodies to one another. By doing this, ‘Sex’ generally becomes consensual.

4 **The wife hath not power** (authority or control) **of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power** (authority or control) **of his own body, but the wife.**

‘Husbands’ and ‘Wives’ are encouraged not to ‘deprive’ one another of ‘Sexual Intimacy’ unless it is agreed upon for a time in order to give your-selves over to ‘prayer’ and ‘fasting’. If you do commit to ‘prayer’ and ‘fasting’ for a time, it is important to soon come together again so as not to be tempted of the Devil.

5 **Defraud** (deprive) **ye not one the other, except it be with consent** (agreement) **for a time** (set or proper), **that ye may give yourselves** (devote yourselves wholly to) **to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt** (entice, try or test) **you not for your incontinency** (lack of self-restraint or self-control).

‘Sex in Marriage’ is to be enjoyed. Here it is revealed by Sarah that ‘Sex’ would be pleasurable once again when she overheard that the Lord was going to allow her to become pregnant to Birth a boy, even in her and Abraham’s old age!

### **Gen 18:10-12**

10 **And he** (the Lord) **said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.**

11 **Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.**

12 **Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old** (become old and worn out) **shall I have pleasure** (‘eden’ - soft or pleasant delight), **my lord** (Husband) **being old also?**

### **Gen 18:14**

14 **Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.**

Finally, remember, ‘Sex in Marriage’ is nothing to be ‘ashamed’ of, neither is the human body of the ‘Husband’ and the ‘Wife’! (Hebrews 13:4)

**Gen 2:25**

25 **And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed** (be ashamed, made ashamed, brought to shame, caused to shame, nor put to shame).

**V. THINGS THAT AFFECT YOUR WHOLE FAMILY:**

The following are some ‘Things’ that can affect your whole “Family” both good and bad. If you are having problems in your “Family” and you do not know what is causing them, perhaps one of the following **IS the problem** or the lack thereof!

If you yourself are constantly the cause of troubles and afflictions in your “Family”, this Scripture states that you are only leaving an inheritance to your “Family” **of the Wind** (or hot air). In other words, you are causing problems that may be passed down from one generation to another. (Exodus 20:5 34:6-7 Numbers 14:18 Deuteronomy 5:9)

**Prov 11:29**

29 **He that troubleth** (troubles or afflicts) **his own house** (Family) **shall inherit** (shall take as a heritage, shall bequeath as a heritage, or leave for an inheritance only) **the wind** (hot air, anger, a tempest, or whirlwind):...

Do not be ‘greedy’ of gain or ever accept ‘bribes’ for this may cause trouble and afflict your own “Family”. This can also include such things as ‘gambling’ or ‘cheating’ on your Income Tax!

**Prov 15:27**

27 **He that is greedy** (covetous) **of gain** (dishonest gain, profit or lucre) **troubleth** (troubles or afflicts) **his own house** (Family); **but he that hateth gifts** (bribes) **shall live**.

As a ‘Husband’, it is important not only to include your ‘Wife’ but also the ‘Lord’ within all your ‘decisions’ about your Marriage, “Family” and Household. Let the ‘Lord’ lead you as the true builder and/or repairer of your House (“Family”)!

**Ps 127:1**

1 **Except** (Unless) **the LORD build** (1129 - begin to build, make or repair) **the house** (Family or Household), **they labour in vain** (wastefulness or uselessness) **that build** (1129) **it**:...

As Christians you must always “Fear the Lord” and walk in His ways in order to find true happiness within your “Family” and Household.

**Ps 103:13**

13 **Like as a father pitieth** (Loves, has compassion, and shows mercy on) **his children, so the LORD pitieth** (Loves, has compassion, and shows mercy on) **them that fear him** (3373 - to fear morally or is reverent or afraid or fearful of the Lord).

**Ps 128:1-4**

1 **Blessed is every one that feareth** (3373 - to fear morally or is reverent or afraid or fearful of) **the LORD; that walketh** (grows, leads and pursues) **in his ways.**

2 **For thou shalt eat the labour** (work) **of thine hands: happy** (Blessed) **shalt thou be, and it shall be well** (good) **with thee.**

3 **Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house** (your Family): **thy children like olive** (as yielding oil) **plants** (sprigs or small shoots) **round about thy table.**

4 **Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed** (adored and praised) **that feareth** (3373 - to fear morally or is reverent or afraid or fearful of) **the LORD.**

**Ps 128:6**

6 **Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children** (Grandchildren), **and peace upon Israel.**

Even though you are expected to Love your earthly “Family”, if you have more ‘affection’ for them than for the Lord, you will not be worthy of the Lord and what He has done for you! After all, we are all a part of His “Family” and He is the Father of us all! (Matthew 6:9-13)

**Matt 10:37**

37 **He that loveth** (5368 ‘phileo’ - has affection for) **father or mother more than me is not worthy** (deserving or suitable) **of me: and he that loveth** (5368 ‘phileo’ - has affection for) **son or daughter more than me is not worthy** (deserving or suitable) **of me.**

## **VI. HUSBANDS AND FATHERS:**

The following Scriptures contain the ‘Counsel of the Lord’ that relates to you ‘Husbands’ and ‘Fathers’ to help keep your “Family” and ‘House’ in Order.

### **HUSBANDS:**

You become a ‘Husband’ when you leave your ‘Father’ and ‘Mother’ and Marry a ‘Wife’.

A ‘Husband’ in the Dictionary is:

- A male partner in a marriage.
- Master of a house or householder.

A ‘Husband’ in Hebrew is:

**OT:1167 ba`al** (bah'-al); from OT:1166; **a master; hence, a husband**, or (figuratively) owner (often used with another noun in modifications of this latter sense):

KJV - archer, babbler, bird, captain, chief man, confederate, have to do, dreamer, those to whom it is due, furious, those that are given to it, great, hairy, he that hath it, have, horseman, **husband**, lord, **man**, **married**, **master**, person, sworn, they of.

A ‘Husband’ in the Greek is:

**NT:435 aner** (an-ayr'); a primary word [compare NT:444]; **a man (properly as an individual male):**

KJV - fellow, **husband**, **man**, sir.

**Matthew 19:4-6 Mark 10:6-9 Ephesians 5:31**

4 **And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male** (man as stronger for lifting) **and female** (woman to give suckling),

5 **And said, For this cause** (reason) **shall a man leave** (behind) **father and mother, and shall cleave** (be glued, stick to and joined) **to his wife: and they twain** (two or both) **shall be one flesh?**

6 **Wherefore they are no more twain** (two or both), **but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together** (conjoined in Marriage, or yoked together), **let not man** (a human being) **put asunder** (place room between, part or separate).

When you find a 'Wife', you find a good thing and you will enjoy favor with the Lord!

**Prov 18:22**

22 **Whoso findeth** (attains, acquires or catches) **a wife findeth** (attains, acquires or catches) **a good** (beautiful, fine, loving, best, precious and sweet) **thing, and obtaineth favour** (delight, and pleasure) **of the LORD.**

According to the Bible, however, because of the fall of Adam and Eve in the 'Garden of Eden', God told Adam that he would have to work and earn a living for his 'Wife' and for his 'Children' to come.

In those days farming was the main source of income, whereas today there is a much greater variety of jobs and employment. However, the same principles exist today that Men must work hard for a living and thereby are to be the main source of income for the "Family".

**Gen 3:17-19**

17 **And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground** (soil) **for thy sake; in sorrow** (toil, labor and worry) **shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;**

18 **Thorns also and thistles** (that stick and prick) **shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb** (tender shoots) **of the field;**

19 **In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread** (food), **till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**

'Husbands' you are to stay Married and to rejoice with the 'Wife' of your youth. (Malachi 2:14-15) Let **her** Body satisfy you at **all** times and always be 'intoxicated' with her Love and Affection!

**Prov 5:18-19**

18 **Let thy fountain** (issue, or a seminal or menstrual flux, or offspring) **be blessed** (abundantly, greatly): **and rejoice** (brighten up, cheer up, be and make glad, have and make joyful, be and make merry) **with the wife of thy youth.**

19 **Let her be as the loving** (affectionate) **hind** (female deer) **and pleasant** (gracious, kind and precious) **roe** (doe); **let her breasts** (as the seat of love, or from their shape) **satisfy thee at all**

**times** (now); **and be thou ravished** (intoxicated or enraptured) **always with her love** (and affection).

According to the Bible, the ‘Husband’ **is** the ‘Head’ of the ‘Wife’ just as Christ **is** the ‘Head’ of the Church. (Colossians 1:18 Ephesians 1:22) This means that as a ‘Husband’ you must take over the Leadership of your ‘Wife’ and your “Family”. If you do **not** become the ‘Head’ of your ‘Wife’ and “Family”, there will be nothing but confusion!

Also, notice that as the ‘Head’ of the “Family”, you are directly responsible to the Lord for your Leadership of the “Family”. As it states in Hebrew and the Greek, the ‘Head’ is (as most easily shaken) and (as the part most readily taken hold of); thus, as a “Husband” and the ‘Head’ of your “Family” you are in a very vulnerable position with the Lord! Think about it!!

The ‘Head’ according to the Dictionary means:

- The one in charge; the place of Leadership, honor, and/or command.

The ‘Head’ in Hebrew means:

**OT:7218 ro'sh** (roshe); from an unused root apparently meaning to shake; **the head (as most easily shaken)**, whether literal or figurative (in many applications, of place, time, **rank**, etc.): KJV - band, beginning, captain, chapter, **chief** (-est place, **man**, things), company, end, every [man], excellent, **first**, forefront, ([be-]) **head**, height, (on) **high** (-est part, [priest]), **lead**, poor, **principal**, **ruler**, sum, **top**.

The ‘Head’ in the Greek means:

**NT:2776 kephale** (kef-al-ay'); from the primary kopto (in the sense of seizing); **the head (as the part most readily taken hold of)**, literally or figuratively: KJV - head.

**1 Cor 11:3**

**3 But I would have you know, that the head** (2776) **of every man** (435 - Husband) **is Christ; and the head** (2776) **of the woman** (1135 - Wife) **is the man** (435); **and the head** (2776) **of Christ is God.**

**Eph 5:23**

**23 For the husband** (435) **is the head** (2776) **of the wife, even as Christ is the head** (2776) **of the church; and he is the savior** (deliverer, protector, preserver and healer) **of the body.**

‘Husbands’ you are to Love your ‘Wife’ and give yourself for her; just as Christ Loved and gave Himself for the Church. If you truly Love your ‘Wife’ with the proper manner and respect, she will most likely have no problem with your being the ‘Head’ of her and the “Family”.

‘Love’ according to the Dictionary means:

- Attraction based on sexual desire.
- Affection and tenderness felt by lovers.
- Affection based on admiration, benevolence, and/or common interests.
- Warm attachment, enthusiasm, and devotion.

- Strong affection for another arising out of kinship and/or personal ties.
- Unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another such as the Fatherly concern of God for humankind.

'Love' in Hebrew is:

**OT:157 'ahab** (aw-hab'); or 'ahab (aw-habe'); a primitive root; **to have affection for (sexually or otherwise):**

KJV - (be-) **love** (-d, -ly, -r), like, friend.

'Love' in the Greek is:

**NT:25 agapao** (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from agan (**much**) [or compare OT:5689]; **to love (in a social or moral sense):**

KJV - (be-) **love** (-ed). Compare NT:5368.

**NT:26 agape** (ag-ah'-pay); from NT:25; **love**, i.e. **affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast:**

KJV - (**feast of**) **charity** ([-ably]), dear, **love**.

### **Eph 5:25**

25 **Husbands** (435), **love** (25 'agapao') **your wives, even as Christ also loved** (25 'agapao') **the church, and gave himself for it;**

A 'Husband' is to Love his own 'Wife' as his own Body. Are you willing to sacrifice your 'Body' for your 'Wife'? If you truly Love your 'Wife', you know that you Love yourself!

### **Eph 5:28**

28 **So ought men** (435 Husbands) **to love** (25 'agapao') **their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth** (25) **his wife loveth** (25) **himself.**

### **Eph 5:33**

33 **Nevertheless** (moreover) **let every one of you in particular so love** (25) **his wife even as himself;**...

I remember one night when my Wife and I were eating dinner in a Restaurant in Palm Springs, California. A lady was carried out in front of us who was choking on a piece of meat. They carried her outside where no one seemed to know what to do with her. I jumped up, ran outside and grabbed her and began using the 'Heimlich maneuver' on her to remove the piece of meat. It didn't seem to be working and her Husband who was watching and doing nothing took off running away out of sight. I however, decided to keep up the 'Heimlich Maneuver' I was doing and even though the meat didn't come out, it kept her alive and breathing enough until the paramedics arrived. They then started using a mechanical remover which began her breathing regularly again. When her Husband came back I said nothing to him or her but I felt sorry for him because he acted as a coward and knew it. He wasn't strong enough physically, mentally or emotionally to help his 'Wife'. I credit my not giving up on her which lasted about 20 to 30 minutes, to my being a Football Coach, a Marine and knowledgeable in First Aid. I would have done the same for anybody that needed the help, who could do less for their Wife?

‘Husbands’, you are to Love your ‘Wives’ and **not** be ‘bitter’ against them.

### **Col 3:19**

19 **Husbands** (435), **love** (25) **your wives, and be not bitter** (or embitter them, or be sharp or harsh or irritating) **against them.**

‘Husbands’, if your Prayers aren’t being answered, perhaps your answer to one of these questions is the reason why!

- Do you Know and Understand your ‘Wife’?
- Do you Honor, Value and Esteem your ‘Wife’; and with Dignity?
- Do you treat your ‘Wife’ as a ‘joint heir’ together of the ‘grace and gift’ of life?

### **1 Peter 3:7**

7 **Likewise** (similarly), **ye husbands** (435), **dwelling** (reside together as a Family) **with them according to knowledge** (the act of knowing), **giving honour** (value, esteem and dignity) **unto the wife, as unto the weaker** (lacking in strength or more feeble literally or figuratively) **vessel** (specifically a Wife as contributing to the usefulness of the Husband), **and as being heirs together** (co-heirs or joint heirs) **of the grace** (gift, joy and gratitude; especially the Divine influence upon the heart) **of life** (‘zoe’ - a lifetime); **that your prayers be not hindered** (impeded or detained).

### **FATHERS:**

It is a great privilege to become a ‘Father’, and it brings great joy to those whom God has Blessed with a ‘Child’.

A ‘Father’ in the Dictionary is:

- A man who has begotten a child.
- The first person of the Trinity

A ‘Father’ in Hebrew is:

**OT:1 'ab** (awb); a primitive word; **father**, in a literal and immediate, or figurative and remote application):

KJV - chief, (fore-) **father** ([ -less]), patrimony, principal. Compare names in "Abi-".

A ‘Father’ in the Greek is:

**NT:3962 pater** (pat-ayr'); apparently a primary word; a **"father"** (literally or figuratively, near or more remote):

KJV - **father**, parent.

‘Children’ are an inheritance of the Lord and the ‘fruit’ of the womb is His reward. It is a Blessing for you ‘Fathers’ to have an abundance of ‘Children’; which is described here as having a Quiver (or arrow case) full of them.

**Ps 127:3-5**

3 **Lo** (Behold, or See), **children are an heritage of** (an inheritance of) **the LORD: and the fruit** (reward) **of the womb is his reward** (benefit or worth).

4 **As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man** (powerful, warrior, champion, strong and valiant man); **so are children of the youth** (young people).

5 **Happy** (Blessed) **is the man that hath his quiver** (arrow-case) **full of them:**...

Most Men claim their own goodness, and Faithful Men are hard to find; but the Just 'Father' walks in his 'integrity' and his 'Children' are Blessed both beside and after him.

**Prov 20:6-7**

6 **Most men will proclaim** (or call out, address by name, mention or publish) **every one his own goodness** (kindness, mercy or 'piety' - which is dutifulness in religion); **but a faithful** (established, trustworthy, truthful) **man who can find?**

7 **The just** (lawful and righteous) **man** (9999) **walketh in his integrity** (completeness, moral innocence, perfection, simplicity and uprightness); **his children are blessed after him** (beside him, with him, behind him, or following after him).

When you as a 'Father' have raised righteous 'Children', you shall greatly rejoice; and you that have raised wise 'Children' shall have joy in them.

**Prov 23:24**

24 **The father** (1) **of the righteous** (just and lawful) **shall greatly rejoice** (be glad and joyful); **and he that begetteth** (bears or brings up) **a wise** (intelligent, skilful or artful) **child shall have joy of** (to brighten up, be made glad, be made merry, or be 'blithe' - which means of a happy lighthearted character or disposition because of) **him.**

As 'Children' of the Lord, we are all subject to the 'Chastening' and 'Correction' of the Lord. This is because whom the Lord Loves, He will Correct. This is an example for you 'Fathers'. If you truly Love your 'Children' and delight in them, you too will Correct, Chasten and Discipline your 'Children'.

**Prov 3:11-12**

11 **My son, despise not** (to refuse, reject or to 'spurn' - which means to reject something disdainfully or to reject with contempt) **the chastening** (4148 - chastisement, reproof, warning, restraint, discipline and/or rebuke) **of the LORD; neither be weary** (disgusted, anxious, distressed or grieved) **of his correction:**

12 **For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth** (chastens, convinces, reasons, rebukes and reproves); **even as a father** (1) **the son** (1121 - or daughter) **in whom he delighteth.**

**Heb 12:7**

7 **If ye endure chastening** (3809 - disciplinary correction, instruction or nurturing), **God dealeth with** (treats) **you as with sons** (5207 - children); **for what son** (5207 - child) **is he whom the father** (3962) **chasteneth** (3811 - to train up a child, to discipline by punishment, to instruct or teach) **not?**

If you as a "Father", hold back the punishment or correction of your 'Children', including a rod

or stick, the Lord says that you actually hate your ‘Children’ personally and do not Love them. This is because the lack of your Discipline and Correction, which should be done quickly and with earnestness, may eventually lead to the destruction of your ‘Children’ through such things as Drugs, Crime, Pregnancy before Marriage, etc.

### **Prov 13:24**

24 **He that spareth** (restrains, refrains, refuses to use, holds back or withholds) **his rod** (a stick for punishing or correction) **hateth** (to hate personally) **his son** (1121 - or daughter): **but he that loveth him** (has affection for) **chasteneth** (4148 - chastises, reproves, warns, restrains, disciplines and/or rebukes) **him betimes** (early with earnestness).

As ‘Fathers’, there is a ‘balance’ however, in how you Discipline your ‘Children’. So be careful not to provoke your ‘Children’ to anger or wrath, which might lead them to become discouraged. Know when to be harsh in your Discipline and when to use mild rebuke and/or warnings. Praying before you react to problems that may arise with your ‘Children’, should give you insight into what action you need to take. In other words what would Jesus do?

### **Col 3:21**

21 **Fathers** (3962), **provoke not** (2042 - stimulate not ‘especially to anger’) **your children to anger** (9999), **lest they be discouraged** (become spiritless, disheartened or ‘dismayed’ - which means to cause to lose courage or resolution because of alarm or fear).

### **Eph 6:4**

4 **And, ye fathers** (3962), **provoke not your children to wrath** (3949 - to anger, to enrage or to become ‘exasperated’ - which means to excite the anger of, to cause irritation or annoyance to, or to make more grievous): **but bring them up in the nurture** (education, training, instruction and disciplinary correction) **and admonition** (mild rebuke or warning) **of the Lord.**

### **1 Thess 2:11**

11 **As ye know how we exhorted** (implored, beseeched, entreated and prayed) **and comforted** (encouraged and consoled) **and charged** (testified to) **every one of you, as a father** (3962) **doth his children.**

As ‘Fathers’, you are ‘responsible’ to Teach your ‘Children’ about the Lord so that they will set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but instead will keep His Commandments! This is a ‘Generational’ Command to you ‘Fathers’ and this chain of Command should not be broken.

### **Ps 78:2-7**

2 **I will open my mouth** (speak) **in a parable** (a proverb or a ‘simile’ - such as an adage, poem or discourse): **I will utter dark sayings** (puzzles, conundrums, hard questions and riddles) **of old:**

3 **Which we have heard and known, and our fathers** (1) **have told** (5608 - recounted or declared, spoken or written to) **us.**

4 **We will not hide them from their** (our) **children, shewing** (5608 - recounted or declared, spoken or written) **to the generation to come the praises** (or hymns) **of the LORD, and his strength** (might), **and his wonderful works that he hath done.**

**5 For he established a testimony (witness) in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers (1), that they should make them known to their children:**

**6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:**

**7 That they might set their hope (trust and confidence) in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:**

In these last days, God is drawing the Hearts of you ‘Fathers’ to your ‘Children’ and the Hearts of the ‘Children’ to their ‘Fathers’. The purpose being to make ready a People prepared for the Lord! Are YOU READY? How about YOUR CHILDREN?

### **Mal 4:5-6**

**5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great (in any sense) and dreadful (fearful) day of the LORD:**

**6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers (1) to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers (1), lest I come and smite (strike) the earth with a curse (a doomed object or utter destruction).**

### **Luke 1:17**

**17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power (dunamis) of Elias (Elijah), to turn the hearts of the fathers (3962) to the children, and the disobedient (un-persuadable or ‘contumacious’ - which means stubbornly disobedient) to the wisdom (prudence or intellectual or moral insight) of the just (righteous, innocent and Holy); to make ready a people prepared (thoroughly, and built, made and ordained) for the Lord.**

## **VII. WIVES AND MOTHERS:**

The following Scriptures contain the ‘Counsel of the Lord’ that relates to ‘Wives’ and ‘Mothers’ to help you keep your “Family” and House in Order.

### **WIVES:**

A ‘Wife’ in the Dictionary is:

- A female partner in a marriage.

A ‘Wife’ in Hebrew is:

**OT:802 'ishshah** (ish-shaw'); feminine of OT:376 or OT:582; irregular plural, nashiym (naw-sheem'); **a woman** (used in the same wide sense as OT:582):

KJV - [adulter] ess, each, every, **female**, many, none, one, together, **wife, woman**. Often unexpressed in English.

A ‘Wife’ in the Greek is:

**NT:1135 gune** (goo-nay'); probably from the base of NT:1096; **a woman; specially, a wife:**  
KJV - **wife, woman.**

According to the Bible, because of the fall of Adam and Eve in the ‘Garden of Eden’, the desire of the ‘Wife’ is to her ‘Husband’ and he shall have rule over you.

**Gen 3:16**

16 ...**and thy desire** (longing for) **shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule** (have dominion, reign and power) **over thee.**

However, the ‘Wife’ is also the ‘Glory’ of the ‘Husband’!

**1 Cor 11:7**

7 **For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman** (1135 - Wife) **is the glory** (dignity, honor, praise and worship) **of the man** (435 - Husband).

And the Woman was created for the Man.

**1 Cor 11:9**

9 **Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.**

A wise ‘Wife’ is the Builder of the Home and “Family”! Much like the birds that build their nests, the Male supplies the materials for the nest and the Female preps the nest and gets it ready for the soon coming “Family”. So should a wise ‘Wife’ ‘Build’ and set up the House for her “Family”.

To ‘Build’ and ‘Builder’ according to the Dictionary means:

- To engage in building or one that builds.
- To cause to be constructed.
- To form by uniting materials by gradual means into a composite whole.
- To develop according to a systematic plan, and/or by a definite process.

To ‘Build’ in Hebrew means:

**OT:1129 banah** (baw-naw’); a primitive root; **to build** (literally and figuratively): KJV - (begin to) **build** (-er), **obtain children, make, repair, set (up)**, surely.

To ‘Build’ and ‘Builder’ in the Greek means:

**NT:3618 oikodomeo** (oy-kod-om-eh'-o); from the same as NT:3619; **to be a house-builder**, i.e. **construct or** (figuratively) **confirm:**

KJV - (be in) **build** (-er, -ing, up), edify, embolden.

**NT:5079 technites** (tekh-nee'-tace); from NT:5078; an artisan; figuratively, **a founder (Creator):**

KJV - **builder**, craftsman.

**NT:456 anoikodomeo** (an-oy-kod-om-eh'-o); from NT:303 and NT:3618; **to rebuild:** KJV - **build again.**

**Prov 14:1**

1 **Every wise woman** (802 - Wife) **buildeth** (builds, sets up, makes and/or repairs) **her house** (home, household and Family); **but the foolish plucketh it down** (pulls it down, breaks, ruins, destroys, or overthrows it) **with her hands** (both literally and figuratively).

The 'Wife' that is a 'Virtuous Woman', is one that is able, active, strong, mighty, of substance, valiant and worthy! Her Value is far above precious stones and **she is** a 'Crown' to her 'Husband.'

A 'Virtuous' 'Wife' and 'Virtue' according to the Dictionary is:

- Having or exhibiting virtue.
- Morally excellent.
- Conformity to a standard of right.
- A beneficial quality or power.
- A capacity to act.
- Chastity especially in a woman.

A 'Crown' according to the Dictionary is:

- A reward of victory or mark of honor.
- A royal or imperial headdress.
- The highest part or the topmost part of the skull or head.
- The part of a hat or other headgear covering the crown of the head.
- A wreath, band, crown or circular ornament for the head.
- Imperial or regal power.
- Something that imparts splendor, honor, or finish.

**Prov 31:10**

10 **Who can find a virtuous** (2428 - able, active, strong and mighty, of substance, valiant and worthy) **woman** (802 - Wife)? **for her price** (value) **is far above rubies.**

**Prov 12:4**

4 **A virtuous** (2428 - able, active, strong and mighty, of substance, valiant and worthy) **woman** (802 - Wife) **is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed** (disappointed, confounded or confused) **is as rottenness in his bones.**

The 'Virtuous' Woman as mentioned in (Proverbs 31:10-31) sets a very high standard for a 'Wife' to achieve. Today, however, these standards vary greatly in many areas because of the difference in living conditions, the improvement of living standards, the variations of different countries and different cultures, the location of these countries and the variation of weather conditions.

Nevertheless, the responsibilities of 'Wives' have not varied that much and even though you may not have to grow food or make your own clothing, the responsibility to provide these things is still there to maintain a balance in the Home.

As you read this section, see how you match up to these standards!

The 'Virtuous' Woman (Wife):

- Her Husband trusts in her so that there is no need for him to labor in vain for financial gain due to wasteful spending or poor managing of the Home.
- She will do her Husband good all of her life by being kind, loving and sweet, even when it may be difficult to do so.
- She will work at home doing whatever is necessary with her hands.
- She will purchase and provide the groceries and food for her home even from far away.
- She rises up early in the morning and makes breakfast for her Family.
- She will sometimes purchase land and plant a vineyard in it with her own hands, thus adding income to the Family resources.
- She will wrap up her skirts with a belt and make her arms ready for work.
- She checks her merchandise to see if it is OK for sale and sometimes goes to bed after dark.
- She will work on the spinning wheel at home if need be.
- She takes time to help the poor and needy.
- She will see that her Family is clothed properly.
- She has the ability to make beautiful hand-woven coverings for drapes and upholstery.
- Because of her spotless reputation and management of the Home, her Husband is well known in the City.
- If need be, she will make different items such as fine linen and belts and sell them.
- She shows strength and honor, and her rejoicing will come in due time.
- She speaks with wisdom and common sense and kindness.
- She is never idle but always looks after her Family.
- Her Children and Husband call her Blessed and he Praises and boasts of her.
- Even though there may be many 'Virtuous' Women, she excels above them all.
- She 'Fears the Lord' and thus will be Praised.
- The 'Virtuous' Woman will be rewarded for all her work that she has done and she will be Praised in the City.

### **Prov 31:11-31**

11 **The heart of her husband doth safely trust** (is confident secure and sure) **in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil** (to make himself a prey for lack of gain).

12 **She will do him good** (the best, be kind, loving, merry, pleasant and sweet) **and not evil all the days of her life.**

13 **She seeketh wool, and flax** (thread), **and worketh willingly with her hands.**

14 **She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.**

15 **She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat** (food) **to her household** (Family), **and a portion to her maidens** (young girls).

16 **She considereth a field** (a piece of land), **and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.**

17 **She girdeth** (restrains with a belt) **her loins with strength** (securely), **and strengtheneth** (physically) **her arms.**

18 **She perceiveth** (and/or tastes) **that her merchandise** (for trade or profit) **is good: her candle** (lights) **goeth not out by night** (are turned off at night).

19 **She layeth her hands to the spindle** (the long slender pin by which the thread is twisted in a spinning wheel), **and her hands hold the distaff** (a staff for holding the flax, tow, or wool in spinning).

20 **She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.**

21 **She is not afraid of the snow for her household** (Family); **for all her household** (Family) **are clothed with scarlet** (dye or thread).

22 **She maketh herself coverings of tapestry** (a heavy hand woven reversible textile used for hangings, curtains, and upholstery); **her clothing is silk and purple.**

23 **Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.**

24 **She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles** (fine belts) **unto the merchant.**

25 **Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.**

26 **She openeth her mouth with wisdom** (skill); **and in her tongue is the law of kindness** (mercy, pity and favor).

27 **She looketh well to the ways of her household** (Family), **and eateth not the bread of idleness.**

28 **Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth** (makes a show and boasts of) **her.**

29 **Many daughters have done virtuously** (worthily, valiantly, powerfully and strongly), **but thou excellest them all.**

30 **Favour is deceitful** (is an untruth or a sham), **and beauty is vain** (emptiness and unsatisfactory); **but a woman that feareth** (fears morally, is reverent, and is afraid of) **the LORD, she shall be praised.**

31 **Give her of the fruit** (rewards) **of her hands; and let her own works** (occupation, deeds, labor and workmanship) **praise her in the gates** (City).

A 'Prudent' 'Wife' that is intelligent, considerate, skillful, successful, understanding and wise is from the Lord. That is why it is important to Marry a Christian, which the Bible states as: 'in the Lord'! (1 Corinthians 7:39 11:11)

A 'Prudent' 'Wife' according to the Dictionary is:

- Characterized by, arising from, or showing prudence.
- Marked by wisdom or 'judiciousness' which is having, exercising, or characterized by sound judgment.
- Shrewd in the management of practical affairs.
- Marked by 'circumspection' which means careful to consider all circumstances and possible consequences.

### **Prov 19:14**

14 ...**and a prudent** (intelligent, considerate, skillful, successful, understanding and wise) **wife** (802) **is from the LORD.**

'Wives' you are to 'Submit' and be 'Subject' to your own 'Husbands' as unto the Lord. This should be somewhat easier to do if both of you are Christians, as there is a mutual submission that Christians have one to another. (1 Peter 5:5)

The duty of ‘Wives’ is to be in submission to your ‘Husbands’ as unto the Lord. This includes the honoring and obeying of your ‘Husbands’ within the principles of God’s Love. In other words, doing it as unto the Lord means it must be done in compliance with God’s Love and Authority, because He has commanded it. (John 13:34 15:12 15:17 1 John 4:7 4:11-12)

To ‘Submit’ according to the Dictionary is:

- To permit oneself to be subjected to something.
- To yield oneself to the authority or will of another.
- To yield to governance or authority.
- To consent to abide by the opinion or authority of another.
- To present or propose to another for review, consideration, and/or decision.

### **Eph 5:22**

22 **Wives** (1135), **submit yourselves** (5293 - be subordinate or be obedient) **unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord**.

### **Col 3:18**

18 **Wives** (1135), **submit yourselves** (5293 - be subordinate or be obedient) **unto your own husbands, as it is fit** (proper) **in the Lord**.

As the Church is ‘Subject’ unto Christ, so should you ‘Wives’ be ‘Subject’ to your own ‘Husband’ in everything.

To be ‘Subject’ to or in ‘Subjection’ according to the Dictionary is:

- One that is placed under authority or control.
- To bring under control or dominion.
- To make (as oneself) amenable to the discipline and control of a superior.

### **Eph 5:24**

24 **Therefore as the church is subject** (5293 - subordinate or obedient) **unto Christ, so let the wives** (1135) **be to their own husbands in everything** (all, all manner of, every way, thoroughly).

To ‘Submit’ and/or to ‘Subject’ yourself to another person goes against the grain in some of today’s societies, which is why it is important to Marry another Christian. At least there is a good chance that if you truly Love that person, it isn’t as hard to ‘Submit’ and to trust him. According to the Bible, even ‘Wives’ that are ‘Subject’ to ‘unbelieving’ ‘Husbands’ stand a good chance of winning them to the Lord through their Christian behavior.

### **1 Peter 3:1**

1 **Likewise, ye wives** (1135), **be in subjection** (5293 - subordinate or obedient) **to your own husbands; that, if any obey not** (to disbelieve) **the word, they also may without the word be won** (or gained) **by the conversation** (behavior) **of the wives** (1135);

### **1 Peter 3:5**

5 **For after this manner** (in this way) **in the old time** (in time past) **the holy women** (1135 - Wives) **also, who trusted in God, adorned** (decorated or put in proper order) **themselves, being in subjection** (5293 - subordinate or obedient) **unto their own husbands**;

A 'Wife' is also to 'Revere' her 'Husband'.

To 'Revere' in the Dictionary means to:

- To show devoted deferential honor to.
- To regard as worthy of great honor.
- Means to honor and admire profoundly and respectfully.
- Stresses deference (respect and esteem) and tenderness of feeling.
- Implies Love and stresses the notion of an individual and personal attachment.

### **Eph 5:33**

33 ...**and the wife** (1135) **see that she reverence** (to revere and to be in awe of) **her husband.**

The following is a warning for 'Wives' not to be 'Contentious', which is a tendency to quarrels and disputes.

'Contentious' in the Dictionary means to be:

- Likely to cause contention.
- Exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes.

### **Prov 21:9 Prov 25:24**

9 **It is better to dwell** (remain or sit) **in a corner of the housetop** (roof or top of the house), **than with a brawling** (4079 'contentious' - exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes) **woman** (802 - Wife) **in a wide** (charming) **house.**

### **Prov 21:19**

19 **It is better to dwell** (remain or sit) **in the wilderness** (open field or desert), **than with a contentious** (4079 'brawling' - exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes) **and an angry** (raging, indignant, provoking and spiteful) **woman** (802 - Wife).

### **Prov 19:13**

13 ...**and the contentions** (4079 - brawlings) **of a wife** (802) **are a continual dropping** (dripping).

### **MOTHERS:**

The following Scriptures contain the 'Counsel of the Lord' that relates to you that are 'Mothers' to help keep your "Family" and Household in Order.

A 'Mother' in the Dictionary means:

- A female parent.
- A woman in authority.
- An older or elderly woman.
- Maternal tenderness or affection.

A 'Mother' in Hebrew means a 'Bond' of the "Family":

**OT:517 'em** (ame); a primitive word; **a mother (as the bond of the family)**; in a wide sense (both literally and figuratively [like OT:1]:

KJV - dam, **mother**, parting.

A 'Bond' in the Dictionary is:

- Something that binds or restrains.
- An attractive force that holds things together.
- An adhesive, cementing material, or fusible ingredient that combines, unites, or strengthens.
- A uniting or binding element or force.

A 'Mother' in the Greek is:

**NT:3384 meter** (may'-tare); apparently a primary word; a "mother" (literally or figuratively, immed. or remote):

KJV - **mother**.

According to the Bible, because of the fall of Adam and Eve in the 'Garden of Eden', God told Eve that she would have sorrow (labor and pain) in childbirth.

**Gen 3:16**

16 **Unto the woman** (802 - Wife) **he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow** (labor and pain) **and thy conception** (pregnancy); **in sorrow** (pangs and labor) **thou shalt bring forth children;**

However, the 'Good News' is she will forget the pain!

**John 16:22**

21 **A woman** (1135 - Wife) **when she is in travail** (delivering) **hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish** (pressure, trouble or burden), **for joy that a man** (human being) **is born into the world.**

'Mothers' you are to help lay down the 'Law' and the 'Precepts' and 'Statutes' of the "Family" for your 'Children'.

The 'Law' in Hebrew is:

**OT:8451 towrah** (to-law'); or torah (to-law'); from OT:3384; a **precept or statute**, especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch:

KJV - **law**.

**OT:3384 yarah** (yaw-law'); or (2 Chron 26:15) yara' (yaw-law'); a primitive root; properly, **to flow as water** (i.e. to rain); transitively, **to lay or throw** (especially an arrow, i.e. to shoot); **figuratively, to point out (as if by aiming the finger), to teach:**

KJV - (+)archer, cast, **direct, inform, instruct**, lay, shew, shoot, **teach** (-ering,-), through.

The 'Law' in the Dictionary is:

- A rule of conduct or action prescribed or formally recognized as binding or enforced by a controlling authority.
- The whole body of such customs, practices, or rules.
- The control brought about by the existence or enforcement of such law.
- The action of laws considered as a means of redressing wrongs.

- A rule or order that it is advisable or obligatory to observe.
- The revelation of the will of God set forth in the Old Testament.
- Implies imposition by a sovereign authority and the obligation of obedience on the part of all subject to that authority.
- Commonly suggests something advisory and not obligatory communicated typically through teaching.

'Precepts' in the Dictionary are:

- A command or principle intended especially as a general rule of action.
- An order issued by a legally constituted authority.

'Statutes' in the Dictionary are:

- A law enacted.
- An instrument regulating its scope or authority.
- An act intended as a permanent rule.

### **Prov 6:20**

20 **My son** (1121 - or daughter), **keep thy father's commandment, and forsake** (reject, remit, cast off or leave off) **not the law** (precepts and statutes) **of thy mother** (517):

As a 'Mother' that raises up a 'Wise' and intelligent 'Child' you will have Joy in him/her. Both "Mother' and 'Father' will be glad and you that birthed him/her will rejoice.

### **Prov 23:24-25**

24 ...**and he** (she) **that begetteth** (3205 - births, bears, brings forth or brings up) **a wise** (intelligent, skilful or artful) **child shall have joy of** (to brighten up, be made glad, be made merry, or be 'blithe' - which means of a happy lighthearted character or disposition by) **him**.  
25 **Thy father and thy mother** (517) **shall be glad** (brighten up, cheer up, be joyful, make merry), **and she that bare thee** (3205) **shall rejoice** (to spin around, be glad and joyful).

The 'Rod' and 'Reproof' is what helps give a 'Child' 'Wisdom'. If left alone and unpunished, that 'Child' will eventually bring shame to you his 'Mother'.

### **Prov 29:15**

15 **The rod** (a stick for punishing or correction) **and reproof** (chastisement, correction, reasoning and rebuke) **give wisdom** (in a good sense): **but a child left** (cast away or forsaken, loosed or pushed away) **to himself bringeth his mother** (517) **to shame** (disappointment and confusion).

In order to keep your House in Order, you the 'Mother' as well the 'Father' **should** 'Discipline' the 'Children'. If you do, they will give you rest and give delight unto your soul.

### **Prov 29:17**

17 **Correct** (chastise with blows or words, instruct, punish, reprove and teach) **thy son** (1121 - or daughter), **and he shall give thee rest** (5117 - comfort and quiet); **yea, he shall give delight** (bring pleasure and cheerfulness) **unto thy soul**.

A 'Mother', even of Kings and Rulers, should Teach her 'Children' the 'Values' on how to live properly.

### **Prov 31:1-5**

1 **The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy** (oracle) **that his mother** (517) **taught him** (instructed, corrected, and/or 'reproved' him - which means to scold or correct usually gently or with kindly intent).

2 **What** (4100 - including how? why? when? also how long? or how often?), **my son? and what** (4100), **the son of my womb? and what** (4100), **the son of my vows?**

3 **Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways** (course of life or mode of action) **to that which destroyeth kings.**

4 **It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink** (8354 - to imbibe, be drunken with or intoxicated with) **wine; nor for princes** (rulers) **strong drink:**

5 **Lest they drink** (8354 - to imbibe, be drunken with or intoxicated with), **and forget** (to be oblivious of, from want of memory or attention) **the law, and pervert the judgment** (justice) **of any of the afflicted.**

## **VIII. PARENTS:**

When a "Husband" and "Wife" have "Children, they become a "Mother" and a "Father", and what we call "Parents".

A "Parent" in the Dictionary is"

- One that begets or brings forth an offspring.
- A person who brings up and cares for another.

A "Parent" in the Greek is"

**NT:1118 goneus** (gon-yooce'); from the base of NT:1096; **a parent:**

KJV - **parent.**

**NT:4269 progonos** (prog'-on-os); from NT:4266; an ancestor, (grand-) **parent:**

KJV - forefather, **parent.**

**NT:3962 pater** (pat-ayr'); apparently a primary word; a "father" (literally or figuratively, near or more remote):

KJV - father, **parent.**

### **1. WHAT PARENTS SHOULD DO:**

There are certain areas of 'responsibilities' that 'Parents' have together. This Section covers some of these areas.

#### **TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THE SCRIPTURES:**

It is the 'responsibility' of the 'Parents' to 'Teach' your 'Children' the Scriptures. This is especially for the Salvation of all of the "Family" which is **in** and **through** Christ Jesus!

### **2 Tim 3:15**

15 **And that from a child** (young child) **thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith** (a moral conviction of religious Truth, or the Truthfulness of God; especially reliance upon Christ for Salvation) **which is in Christ Jesus.**

**CORRECT AND DISCIPLINE YOUR CHILDREN:**

It is the 'responsibility' of the 'Parents' to 'Correct' and to 'Discipline' your 'Children'.

In this Section I have listed some of the 'Bad Doings' of 'Children' for your perusal. It is suggested that you might compare it to your own 'Children's' behavior thereby preparing what Disciplinary actions you might need to take.

'Doings' in the Greek both good and bad is:

**OT:4611 ma`alal** (mah-al-awl'); from OT:5953; **an act (good or bad):**  
KJV - **doing**, endeavor, invention, work.

'Bad Doings' in the Greek is:

**OT:5953`alal** (aw-lal'); a primitive root; **to effect thoroughly**; specifically, to glean (also figuratively); **by implication (in a bad sense) to overdo**, i.e. **maltreat, be saucy to, pain, impose** (also literal):  
KJV - **abuse**, affect, child, **defile**, do, glean, **mock**, practice, thoroughly, work (wonderfully).

'Bad Doings' in the Dictionary means:

- To 'overdo' - which means to do or to use in excess, or to go to extremes.
- To 'maltreat' - which means to treat cruelly or roughly.
- To be 'saucy' to - which means impertinently bold and impudent, and/or amusingly forward and flippant.
- To 'impose' - to establish or apply by authority; to establish or bring about as if by force imposed by one's own inadequacies; to force into the company or on the attention of another; to take unwarranted advantage of something.
- To 'abuse' - which means a corrupt practice or custom; improper or excessive use or treatment; language that condemns or vilifies usually unjustly and/or angrily; physical maltreatment; drug abuse; deceitful acts; and finally a variety of profane and obscene abuses.
- To 'Defile' - which means to make unclean or impure; to corrupt the purity or perfection of; to violate the chastity of; to make physically unclean especially with something unpleasant or contaminating; or to violate the sanctity of.
- To 'Mock' - to treat with contempt or ridicule; to disappoint the hopes of; to imitate (as a mannerism) closely; to mimic in sport or derision.

'Parents', if your 'Children' display any of these tendencies or 'Bad Doings' you need to take care of the problem ASAP.

**Prov 20:11**

11 **Even a child is known by his doings** (4611 - endeavors, works or acts either good or bad), **whether his work** (acts, deeds or practices) **be pure** (clean, clear, and transparent physically and morally), **and whether it be right** (straight, just, righteous and upright).

**TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY TO GO:**

It is the ‘responsibility’ of the ‘Parents’ to ‘train up’ and ‘Narrow’ the way your ‘Child’ should go. (Matthew 7:14)

**Prov 22:6**

6 **Train up** (to be narrow or to discipline) **a child in the way** (the road, the course of life and the mode of action) **he should go: and when he is old** (aged or older, both men and women), **he will not depart from it** (turn off, go aside, rebel or withdraw from it).

**USE THE ROD OF CORRECTION:**

Even though it may not be ‘politically correct’ in America today, it still is the ‘responsibility’ of you the ‘Parents’ to use the ‘Rod’ of ‘correction’ on your ‘Children’ when needed. (Acts 5:29)

**Prov 22:15**

15 **Foolishness** (Silliness, folly or ‘perversity’ - which means turned away from what is right or good; obstinate in opposing what is reasonable or accepted arising from or indicative of stubbornness or obstinacy) **is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of** (7626 - a stick for punishing) **correction** (4148 - chastening, reproof, instruction and discipline) **shall drive it far** (remove it) **from him.**

**Prov 23:13-14**

13 **Withhold not correction** (4148 - chastening, reproof, instruction and/or discipline) **from the child: for if thou beatest him** (5221 - strike lightly or severely, or punish) **with the rod** (7626 - a stick for punishing), **he shall not die.**

14 **Thou shalt beat** (5221) **him with the rod** (7626), **and shalt deliver his soul from hell** (Sheol or Hades, or the world of the dead).

**TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THE FEAR OF THE LORD:**

It is the ‘responsibility’ of the ‘Parents’ to ‘Teach’ your ‘Children’ to understand the “Fear of the Lord”. The “Fear of the Lord” is not only the beginning of Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding; (Psalms 111:10 Proverbs 1:7 9:10), but it most importantly means to ‘Hate Evil’ and to ‘Depart from it’! (Proverbs 3:7 8:13 16:6)

If you truly HATE EVIL, **YOU WILL DEPART FROM IT!** This means any and all kinds of Evil.

Some ‘Parents’ set bad examples of what Evil is without even being aware of it. If you as a ‘Parent’ smoke pot, drink excessively, use foul language, watch X-rated movies or porn, especially in front of your ‘Children’; you are displaying Evil to your ‘Children’ and therefore you do not actually HATE EVIL or **you** would Depart from it!

(Read the Tract “The Spirit of The Fear of the Lord” and the Book “The Seven Spirits of God” written by Timothy II)

**What does it mean to “Fear the Lord”?**

The “Fear of the Lord” in the Dictionary means:

- To feel fear in (oneself).
- To have a reverential awe of or to fear God.
- To be afraid of, or expect with alarm.
- To be afraid or apprehensive.

### **Ps 34:11-14**

11 **Come, ye children, hearken** (hear intelligently, pay attention, listen carefully) **unto me: I will teach you** (3925 - the rod being an Oriental incentive) **the fear of the LORD.**

12 **What man is he that desireth** (is pleased with, delights in, or favors) **life, and loveth many days, that he may see** (enjoy and experience) **good?**

13 **Keep thy tongue** (speech or language) **from evil** (7451 - bad, adversity, hurt, ill favored, mischief and wickedness), **and thy lips** (prating, talking and vain words) **from speaking guile** (deceit, fraud, falsely, and/or treachery).

14 **Depart** (Turn off, withdraw, turn aside and ‘eschew’ - which means to avoid habitually especially on moral or practical grounds) **from evil** (7451 - bad, adversity, hurt, ill favored, mischief, wickedness), **and do good** (better, the best); **seek peace** (rest, safety, happiness, good health and prosperity), **and pursue it** (run after it, chase it and hunt for it).

If you as ‘Parents’ (regardless of what situation you are in now) learn to “Fear the Lord”, you **and** your ‘Children’ will be Blessed and continue to grow as a “Family”.

### **Ps 115:13-14**

13 **He** (The Lord) **will bless them that fear** (3373) **the LORD, both small and great.**

14 **The LORD shall increase you more and more** (continue, to add or conceive), **you and your children.**

‘Parents’ that have the “Fear of the Lord,” will display strong confidence and your ‘Children’ will have a place of refuge for protection.

### **Prov 14:26**

26 **In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence** (security, assurance, hope and trust); **and his children shall have a place of refuge** (shelter, to flee for protection).

### **LAY UP WEALTH FOR YOUR CHILDREN:**

‘Parents’ you are ‘responsible’ to lay up ‘Wealth’ and/or ‘Treasure’ for your ‘Children’.

### **2 Cor 12:14**

14 ... **for the children ought not to lay up** (amass, reserve, lay up or heap treasure, or deposit wealth) **for the parents** (1118), **but the parents** (1118) **for the children.**

## **2. WHAT PARENTS SHOULD NOT DO:**

There are certain areas of ‘responsibilities’ that ‘Parents’ should not do. This Section covers some of those areas.

### **DO NOT SACRIFICE YOUR CHILDREN TO DEMONS:**

'Parents' are not to 'Sacrifice' your Sons and/or Daughters unto 'Demons'. This may sound like something that only happened in Old Testament times. However, those that are 'Parents' today that allow their 'Children' to watch demonic shows on TV, use Ouija boards, or to use and/or to smoke drugs, open up the door to Demonic oppression, seduction, and/or possession! For many years now, myself and our Team have delivered Demonic spirits from many young people, the majority of whom were addicted to drugs.

**Ps 106:37**

37 **Yea, they sacrificed** (offered) **their sons and their daughters unto devils** (demons),

**DO NOT KILL YOUR CHILDREN:**

Today, there are some 'Parents' who have actually 'Killed' their own Sons and/or Daughters. This is very hard for those of us who are older to understand because it was unheard of in America in years past. However, since our Nation has committed millions of abortions in recent years, many young people have grown up with this situation, and are now 'Parents' that have grown 'hard hearted' in their attitude towards life and death!

**Ps 106:38**

38 **And shed** (spill forth or pour out) **innocent** (blameless or guiltless) **blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed** (offered) **unto the idols of Canaan: and the land** (Country or Nation) **was polluted** (corrupted, defiled, profaned and soiled, especially in a moral sense) **with blood.**

**3. STRANGE CHILDREN:**

The following Scriptures are a plea to God from King David to rid him from the hand of 'Strange Children'. These 'Strange Children' spoke 'vanity' - which is evil, guile, idolatry, uselessness and deception; also 'falsehood' which is a sham, untruths, deceit and lies. David knew that if he allowed these 'Strange Children' to get close to his 'Children' they might contaminate them with their Strange ideas and deceptive thinking!

So it is today with all of us, especially Christians. You should always be aware of who your 'Children' are keeping company with, where they go, and who they speak with on the telephone, cell phone, I-pad, smart-phone, I-phone, on Face-book or on the Internet.

It is very important for you as 'Parents' to control these things if you wish to see that your 'Sons' will grow up as 'olive plants' and your 'Daughters' grow up as 'polished cornerstones' that are **strong in the Lord.** (Psalms 128:3)

**Ps 144:7-8**

7 **Send thine hand** (open hand indicating power) **from above; rid me, and deliver me** (5337 - defend me, preserve me and save me) **out of great waters** (from deep waters), **from the hand of strange** (5236 - foreign, heathen or alien) **children;**

8 **Whose mouth speaketh vanity** (7723 - evil, guile, idolatry, uselessness and deception), **and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood** (8267 - a sham, untruths, deceit and lies).

**Ps 144:11-12**

11 **Rid me, and deliver me** (5337 - defend me, preserve me and save me) **from the hand of strange** (5236 - foreign, heathen or alien) **children, whose mouth speaketh vanity** (7723 - evil,

guile, idolatry, uselessness and deception), **and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood** (8267 - a sham, untruths, deceit and lies):

12 **That our sons may be as plants** (fastened plants) **grown up** (great or increased in their body, mind, honor and pride) **in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones** (in the sense of prominence), **polished after the similitude** (resemblance, likeness, pattern, form or model) **of a palace:**

Today, especially here in America, our 'Children' are being exposed to many that come from other Countries, some of whom bring in Strange Religions, Strange thoughts and ideas, Strange traditions, customs and/or habits. We need to be sure that our 'Children' do not become caught up in these things. **Do Not lose your 'Children' to 'Strange Children'!**

I do not mean that our 'Children' should avoid these people, after all my own 'Father' immigrated here from Europe; but rather that our 'Children' would share their own Christian beliefs with them and explain that this is what has actually made America great. (Deuteronomy 7:3-6)

Remember, even though we may currently be Citizens of America in this world, we are also Citizens of Heaven '**Forever!**'

### **Phil 3:20**

20 **For our conversation** (Citizenship) **is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:**

### **4. SINGLE PARENTS:**

Single 'Parents' have the same 'responsibilities' as two 'Parents' that are together. That is why it is so difficult in raising up 'Children' by yourself. I have always admired Single 'Parents' who have successfully raised a 'Child' for many years by themselves. Many of these 'Children' have turned out to be wonderful and successful people that have been a blessing to Society.

I believe the hardest part of being a Single 'Parent' is that most have to work full time jobs, and still try to find time to spend with their 'Children' in order to meet all of their needs.

Praise the Lord for you dedicated Single 'Parents'!

## **IX. THE CHILDREN:**

The following Scriptures contain the Counsel of the Lord that relates to 'Children' to help keep their part of the "Family" and Household in Order.

### **CHILDREN:**

'Children' are very precious as they are created in the Image of God; and of such is the 'Kingdom of Heaven'. (Matthew 18:3)

\*Note - 'Children' should not be forbidden to come unto Jesus!

I remember when one of my 6 year old Grandsons was driving along with me in my car. He spoke out and said he wanted to accept Jesus, but his Dad wouldn't let him as he was too young. So I led him in a Prayer to accept Jesus right there in the car and it has stuck with him ever since!

**Matt 19:14 Mark 10:14 Luke 18:16**

14 **But Jesus said, Suffer** (let or send the) **little children, and forbid** (prevent or hinder) **them not, to come unto me: for of such** (truly, of this sort) **is the kingdom of heaven.**

## **1. WHAT CHILDREN SHOULD DO:**

‘Children’ have certain ‘responsibilities’ of their own as being an integral part of the “Family”.

Of course what they **should do** and are ‘responsible’ for, depends on their age group.

The following are some of the Scriptures that pertain to ‘Children’ on what they **should do**, with their age group determined by the context of each Scripture.

### **HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER:**

It is the ‘responsibility’ of ‘Children’ to always ‘Honor’ your ‘Father’ and ‘Mother’. If you **Do**, you will live a long life! **This is the first Commandment with promise!**

In the Old Testament it states:

#### **Ex 20:12 Deuteronomy 5:16**

12 **Honour** (3513 - be honorable to, be chargeable to, glorify) **thy father and thy mother: that thy days** (life) **may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.**

You ‘Children’ might ask: what if my ‘Father’ and/or ‘Mother’ do not deserve to be ‘Honored’? The Bible doesn’t say to ‘Honor’ them **if** they deserve to be ‘Honored’; therefore, you are expected to ‘Honor’ them - period. Even if your ‘Father’ and ‘Mother’ don’t know the Lord, if they eventually do become Christians, they will change dramatically and you will be glad that you have been ‘Honoring’ them. Also, it may be that your ‘Honoring’ your ‘Father’ and ‘Mother’ might just be the influence that will bring them **to the Lord.**

I know even in our own “Family”, our ‘Children’ were instrumental in our acceptance of receiving the Lord.

In the New Testament it states:

#### **Eph 6:2-3 Matthew 15:4 19:19 Mark 7:10 10:19 Luke 18:20**

2 **Honour** (5091 - to prize, revere, value and esteem) **thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise** (a pledge especially a Divine assurance of good);

3 **That it may be well** (good) **with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.**

Therefore, according to the Bible, ‘Honoring’ your ‘Father’ and ‘Mother’ will cause things to go well with you and you will be rewarded by the Lord with a long life.

‘Honor’ according to the Dictionary means:

- Having a good name or public esteem.
- A showing of usually merited respect.
- One whose worth brings respect or fame.
- An evidence or symbol of distinction.
- A gesture of ‘deference’ which implies a yielding or submitting to another's judgment or preference out of respect; or ‘reverence’ which implies profound respect mingled with love, devotion, and/or awe.

- Respect and esteem shown to another.
- The recognition of one's right to great respect or to any expression of such recognition.

**OBEY YOUR PARENTS:**

It is the 'responsibility' of 'Children' to 'Obey' your 'Father' and 'Mother'. This is especially true for those who have Christian 'Parents'.

**Eph 6:1**

1 **Children, obey** (5219 - listen attentively to; or heed or conform to the command and authority of) **your parents in the Lord** (meaning those that are in the Lord or Christians): **for this is right** (Holy, equitable, just and righteous).

'Children' are to 'Obey' your 'Parents' in all things. The question always comes up: What if my 'Parents' aren't Christian and what if they ask me to do something that is wrong?

This may be difficult to answer, but I believe the best answer is for 'Children' to 'Pray' continuously about this situation, and to ask God for His Council. Don't be afraid to ask God to help change a bad situation into a good one.

This may take some time, but just as 'Wives' are to be an example to their Unsaved 'Husbands' so that they might get Saved (1 Peter 3:1); so you 'Children' may also be an example to your Unsaved 'Parent' or 'Parents so that they too might get Saved!

**Col 3:20**

20 **Children, obey** (5219 - listen attentively, heed or conform to the command and authority of) **your parents in all things** (everything, all manner of, always): **for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.**

**LISTEN TO YOUR FATHER AND THE LAW OF YOUR MOTHER:**

It is the 'responsibility' of you 'Children' to hear the 'Instruction' of your 'Father' and the 'Law' of your 'Mother'.

**Prov 1:8 Prov 4:1 Prov 6:20**

8 **My son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew), **hear the instruction** (4148 - chastisement, reproof, warning, restraint, correction, discipline and/or rebuke) **of thy father, and forsake not** (do not disperse, thrust off or reject) **the law** (8451 - the precepts, statutes and/or teachings) **of thy mother:**

**Prov 23:22**

22 **Hearken** (Hear intelligently, attentively, carefully and diligently) **unto thy father that begat thee** (to procreate as the Father), **and despise not** (disrespect or 'contemn' - which means to view or treat with contempt) **thy mother when she is old.**

**TAKE HEED TO THE WORDS OF THE LORD:**

'Children' you need to take heed to the 'Words of the Lord'!

**Ps 119:9**

9 **Wherewithal** (How) **shall a young man** (a boy of the age of infancy to adolescence and a girl of similar latitude in age) **cleanse his way** (make clean, be clear, count pure, be innocent)? **by**

**taking heed** (watching) **thereto according to thy word** (Commandments).

**Ps 119:11**

11 **Thy word** (Commandments) **have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.**

**THE GLORY OF CHILDREN:**

‘Children’ remember this, that the glory of ‘Children’ is your Fathers!

**Prov 17:6**

6 ...**and the glory** (beauty, bravery and honor) **of children are their fathers.**

**REPENT IF NECESSARY:**

Of course as ‘Children’, all the Sins that you may commit against your ‘Parents’, can be overcome if you will Repent, ask your ‘Parents’ to forgive you, and receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. He is the only one that **can** truly FORGIVE YOU YOUR SINS! (1 John 1:9)

**2. WHAT CHILDREN SHOULD NOT DO:**

The following are some of the Scriptures that pertain to ‘Children’ on what they **should not do**, with the age group of the ‘Children’ determined by the context of each individual Scripture.

**DO NOT BE FOOLISH:**

‘Children’ (‘Sons’ and ‘Daughters’) **Do not be ‘foolish’!** If you are ‘foolish’, it may bring the following:

To your Father:

It may bring calamity, ruin, iniquity, wicked or perverse things; grief, anger, indignation, provocation, sorrow, and/or wrath.

To your Mother:

It may bring heaviness, depression, grief and sorrow.

**Prov 19:13**

13 **A foolish** (3684 - stupid or silly) **son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew) **is the calamity** (the ruin, iniquity, or a wicked or perverse thing to) **of his father:...**

**Prov 10:1 Prov 15:20**

1 ...**but a foolish** (3684 - stupid or silly) **son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew) **is the heaviness** (8424 - depression, grief and sorrow) **of his mother.**

**Prov 17:25 Prov 17:21**

25 **A foolish** (3684 - stupid or silly) **son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew) **is a grief** (3708 - anger, indignation, provocation, sorrow and/or wrath) **to his father, and bitterness** (grief and sorrow) **to her that bare** (birthed) **him.**

**DO NOT OPPRESS YOUR FATHER OR CHASE AWAY YOUR MOTHER:**

‘Children’ - **Do not** ‘oppress’ your ‘Father’ or ‘chase away’ your ‘Mother’ as this will cause ‘shame’ and bring ‘reproach’ to them!

**Prov 19:26**

26 **He that wasteth** (oppresses, destroys or robs) **his father, and chaseth away** (drives away, puts to flight) **his mother, is a son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew) **that causeth shame** (disappointment), **and bringeth reproach** (confusion).

**DO NOT CURSE YOUR FATHER OR MOTHER:**

'Children' - **Do not** 'curse' your 'Father' or your 'Mother'! If you do, you will bring destruction and death ('Outer Darkness') upon yourself.

**Prov 20:20**

20 **Whoso curseth** (7043 - despises, afflicts or reviles) **his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out** (extinguished, expired, and consumed) **in obscure** (black) **darkness** (misery, destruction and death).

**Matt 15:4**

4 **For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth** (reviles or speaks evil of) **father or mother, let him die** (5053 - finish life, expire, be dead, decease) **the death.**

**DO NOT BE A PART OF THIS TYPE OF COMING GENERATION:**

There is a 'Generation' coming and is now here, that will 'curse' their 'Father' and **not** Bless, Praise and Thank their 'Mother'. Do not be a part of this 'Generation' as they will all enter 'Outer Darkness' upon their death!

**Prov 30:11**

11 **There is a generation that curseth** (7043 - despises, afflicts or reviles) **their father, and doth not bless** (praise and thank) **their mother.**

**DO NOT ROB YOUR MOTHER OR FATHER:**

'Children' - **Do not** 'rob' your 'Mother' or 'Father'; and especially then say **it is not a Sin!** If you do, the 'Destroyer' is waiting for you to join him!

**Prov 28:24**

24 **Whoso robbeth** (or consumes, takes away from by force, or plucks off) **his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression** (Sin or rebellion); **the same is the companion of a destroyer** (or spoiler which brings decay and ruin).

**DO NOT MOCK YOUR FATHER OR DISOBEY YOUR MOTHER:**

'Children' - **Do not** 'mock' your 'Father' or 'despise' to 'obey' your 'Mother'! If you do, you may bring a curse and destruction upon yourselves! This includes those 'Children' who may 'mock' their Parents who are immigrants and speak with heavy accents. My own 'Father' was included in this group, but rather than 'mock' him, I learned to appreciate him and how He sacrificed greatly for both me and my Sister!

**Prov 30:17**

17 **The eye that mocketh** (derides, imitates a foreigner, speaks unintelligibly, laughs to scorn,

mocks by stammering) **at his father, and despiseth** (disrespects or treats with contempt) **to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles** (large birds of prey) **shall eat it.**

## **X. THE YOUTH (YOUNG PEOPLE) IN THE FAMILY:**

As our 'Youth' grow up and become Teenagers, they tend to fall into the traps and problems of growing into 'Manhood' and 'Womanhood', also known as 'Puberty'.

'Puberty' in the Dictionary means:

- The condition of being or the period of becoming first capable of reproducing sexually, marked by maturing of the genital organs, development of secondary sex characteristics, and in the human and in higher primates by the first occurrence of menstruation in the female
- The age at which puberty occurs often construed legally is 14 in boys and 12 in girls.

Part of the problems that many 'Young People' have as they grow up is that they tend to forget God and many quit going to Church. As the Bible says, they begin to let their own heart cheer them-selves; and they begin to walk in their own ways and in the sight of their own eyes. Just think, what would life be like for Teenagers if they had no mirrors?

### **Eccl 11:9**

9 **Rejoice** (Brighten up, Cheer up, Be Glad, Be Joyful), **O young man** (970 - a youth), **in thy youth** (childhood, boyhood or girlhood); **and let thy heart** (feelings, will and intellect) **cheer thee** (be accepted, seem best) **in the days of thy youth** (979 - feminine or masculine), **and walk in the ways of thine heart** (feelings, will, and intellect), **and in the sight of** (appearance whether real or a shape, especially if handsome or beautiful in) **thine eyes:**...

Most 'Young People' do not realize that when the time comes God will bring all these things into Judgment!

### **Eccl 11:9**

...**but know thou** (this or be aware of), **that for all** (everyone of) **these things God will bring thee into judgment** (a verdict favorable or unfavorable, justice, Divine law).

## **1. WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD DO:**

'Young People' have certain 'responsibilities' of their own as being an integral part of the "Family". Of course what they **should do** and are 'responsible' for depends on their age group. The following are the Scriptures that pertain to the 'Young People' on what they **should do**, with their age group determined by the context of each Scripture.

### **FORGIVE IF NEED BE:**

If you 'Young People' were abused by your 'Mother' and /or your 'Father', you need to 'Forgive' them! This may include verbal abuse and/or physical abuse.

To 'Forgive' may be very difficult to do, but if you don't do it, it will keep hanging onto you and perhaps keep you from finding what God has created you for.

**DON'T LET THE PAST DESTROY YOUR FUTURE!** The answer to this then is to 'Forgive' your 'Mother' and/or your 'Father' no matter what they have done!  
(Read the Tract "Forgive" written by Timothy II and paid for by Jesus Christ)

If you 'Forgive' your 'Mother' and/or your 'Father' their trespasses, then God will 'Forgive' you your trespasses. If you do not 'Forgive' them their trespasses, then God will not 'Forgive' you your trespasses against Him!

**Matt 6:14-15**

14 **For if ye forgive** (863 - lay aside, leave, let go, omit, put away, yield up) **men** (human beings) **their trespasses** (3900 - unintentional errors or willful transgression; faults, offenses and/or sins), **your heavenly Father will also forgive** (863) **you:**

15 **But if ye forgive** (863) **not men** (human beings) **their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive** (863) **your trespasses** (3900).

**PRAISE THE LORD:**

You 'Young People' should 'Praise' the Name of the Lord. This goes for you 'Young Women' and 'Young Men'.

**Ps 148:12-13**

12 **Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:**

13 **Let them praise** (by sound or color; make a show or boast; or to celebrate, glorify, or sing to) **the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory** (grandeur, appearance, beauty, comeliness, Excellency, Honor and Majesty) **is above the earth and heaven.**

**READ THE BOOK OF PROVERBS:**

You 'Young People' should read the Book of 'Proverbs'. It is one of the best Books of the Bible to Teach you Words of Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding and Discretion.

**Prov 1:1**

1 **The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;**

**Prov 1:4**

4 **To give subtilty** (discretion, prudence and wisdom) **to the simple** (silly, seducible, foolish), **to the young man** (boys or girls) **knowledge** (1847 - cunning or 'wittingly' - which means cognizant or aware of something) **and discretion** (a plan or 'sagacious' - which means keen and farsighted in perception and judgment).

**Prov 3:21**

21 **My son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew), **let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom** (8454 - intellectual understanding) **and discretion** (a plan or 'sagaciousness' - which means keen and farsighted in perception and judgment):

Discretion in the Dictionary means:

- The quality of being discreet, especially cautious reserve in speech.
- Ability to make responsible decisions.
- Individual choice or judgment.

- Power of free decision or latitude of choice within certain legal bounds.
- The result of separating or distinguishing.

### **LISTEN TO YOUR FATHER:**

You 'Young people' should listen to the Words of your Father and keep his Commandments.

#### **Prov 4:10**

10 **Hear, O my son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew), **and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.**

#### **Prov 4:20**

20 **My son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew), **attend** (prick up your ears, give heed, mark well) **to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.**

#### **Prov 7:1-2**

1 **My son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew), **keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.**

2 **Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple** (pupil or middle) **of thine eye.**

### **GET A JOB:**

As 'Young people' you should learn and prepare to Work for a living; this is a part of maturing into an adult. Those of you that do not Work, will most likely become lazy, and will bring shame and poverty to you and/or your "Family". If need be, temporarily get two low paying jobs. If you cannot get a job, accept Jesus in your heart as Lord and Savior and then try Prayer! I have an immigrant friend here from Mexico that got married has three children and has worked two full time jobs for 20 years. He has just recently bought a house, is down to one job, and through hard work is now living the American dream. God has truly Blessed this man and his "Family" for a job well done.

#### **Prov 10:5**

5 **He that gathereth** (harvests) **in summer** (the crop in season) **is a wise** (intelligent, skilful and prudent) **son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew); **but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son** (1121) **that causeth shame.**

#### **Prov 6:9-11**

9 **How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard** (slothful or 'indolent' - which means averse to activity, effort, or movement; habitually lazy, conducive to or encouraging laziness; or exhibiting 'indolence' which is an inclination to laziness)? **when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?**

10 **Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:**

11 **So shall thy poverty come** (befall you) **as one that travelleth** (speedily or like a wanderer), **and thy want** (need, lack or poverty) **as an armed man.**

### **BE WISE:**

'Young People' Be Wise! A Wise 'Son' or 'Daughter' will keep the Law. (In the New Testament the Law consists of: (Mark 12:30-31 James 2:8)

#### **Prov 28:7**

7 **Whoso keepeth the law** (8451 - the precepts, statutes and/or teachings) **is a wise** (995 -

understanding, eloquent, informed and intelligent) **son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew):...

A Wise 'Son' or 'Daughter' will make their 'Father' glad.

**Prov 10:1 Prov 15:20**

1 **A wise** (2450 - intelligent, skillful, artful) **son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew) **maketh a glad** (8055 - cheerful, joyful and merry) **father**:...

If you Love 'Wisdom' you will make your 'Father' joyful.

**Prov 29:3**

3 **Whoso loveth wisdom** (2451 - is skilful; or wise in mind, word or act) **rejoiceth** (8055 - makes cheerful, joyful and merry) **his father**:

**FEAR THE LORD:**

'Young People' are to 'Fear the Lord' and respect those that are in power! (1 Peter 2:13-14, 17)

**Prov 24:21**

21 **My son** (1121 - as a builder of the Family name, including grandson, daughter, child or nephew), **fear thou the LORD and the king**:...

**BE PERFECT?**

If you want to be as perfect as possible, like this 'Young Man' in the Bible **thought** he was; try doing what Jesus said!

**Matt 19:16-22**

16 **And, behold, one came and said unto him (Jesus), Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?**

17 **And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.**

18 **He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,**

19 **Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

20 **The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?**

21 **Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect (complete in mental and moral character or of full age), go and sell that thou hast (have or possess; property), and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me (as a Disciple).**

22 **But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.**

**PRAY FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT:**

The following is a Prayer that David prayed concerning his 'Youth'. If need be, try doing the same.

**Ps 25:7**

7 **Remember not** (Make no mention of, recount or record not) **the sins** (habitual sinfulness and its penalty) **of my youth, nor my transgressions** (moral or religious rebellion; trespasses): **according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.**

**Ps 71:5**

5 **For thou art my hope** (expectation, a cord as an attachment, the thing that I long for), **O Lord GOD: thou art my trust** (security, refuge, assurance and confidence) **from my youth.**

**REPENT IF NEED BE:**

If need be, especially if you are addicted to something, ask God to 'Turn' you; and then 'Repent'!

**Jer 31:18-19**

18 **I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning** (mourning, being sorry, or shaking his head in sympathy) **himself thus; Thou hast chastised** (3256 - corrected, punished, taught) **me, and I was chastised** (3256), **as a bullock** (a calf or young steer) **unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me** (7725 - turn me back, bring me back, carry me back, deliver me, fetch me home, retrieve and restore again), **and I shall be turned** (7725); **for thou art the LORD my God.**  
 19 **Surely after that I was turned** (7725), **I repented** (5162 - I sighed, I was sorry, I had a change of mind, I turned from Sin); **and after that I was instructed** (3045 - taught), **I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach** (disgrace and shame) **of my youth.**

'Young Women' if you haven't done so already; recall the evil days of your Youth and then ask God for 'Forgiveness' and to 'Turn' you; then 'Repent', and then FORGET IT! This only needs to be done ONCE and then it goes under the Blood of Jesus!

**Ezek 23:3**

3 **And they committed whoredoms** (2181 - to commit fornication continually, to go a-whoring, to commit adultery or idolatry) **in Egypt; they committed whoredoms** (2181) **in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.**

**Ezek 23:8**

8 **Neither left she her whoredoms** (8457 - harlotry, idolatry, fornication) **brought from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom** (8457) **upon her.**

**REMEMBER GOD:**

Remember your Creator in the days of your 'Youth' - before the 'Day of Judgment' comes.

**Eccl 12:1**

1 **Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil** (difficult) **days come not, nor the years draw nigh** (draw near), **when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure** (delight) **in them;**

**2. WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD NOT DO:**

The following are the Scriptures that pertain to you 'Young People' on what you **should not do.**

**DO NOT GLORIFY YOURSELVES!**

God has given you ‘Young People’ extra strength, and that is the Glory of you ‘Young Men’. Use it gracefully, but do not let it cause or bring Pride in yourselves. I know whereof I speak for I was once an avid Body Builder. When you spend so much time on workouts, and looking at your own image in the mirror to see how the results are coming along, you tend to get a Narcissistic complex (which is a love of or sexual desire for one's own body). Be extra careful because this usually leads to great Pride in one's own self and may possibly lead you to homosexuality! (Romans 1:20-28)

**Prov 20:29**

29 **The glory** (beauty and honor) **of young men** (Youth) **is their strength** (to be firm, vigorous, hardiness, powerful and might):...

**DO NOT HANG OUT WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE:**

‘Young People’ **Do not** consent to be with Sinners. (2 Corinthians 6:14)

**Prov 1:10-11**

10 **My son , if sinners entice** (delude, allure, deceive, flatter or persuade) **thee, consent thou not** (be not willing):

11 **If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait** (lurk or ambush) **for blood** (which causes death of man or animal), **let us lurk privily** (hide secretly) **for the innocent without cause** (reason or for nothing):

**Prov 1:15**

15 **My son, walk not thou** (go not) **in the way** (course of life or mode of action) **with them; refrain** (withhold or keep back) **thy foot** (steps) **from their path** (beaten track):

Avoid those that are ‘rebellious’!

‘Rebellious’ in the Dictionary means:

- Given to or engaged in rebellion.
- Relating to or characteristic of a rebel or rebellion.
- Resisting treatment or management.

**Prov 24:21**

21 ...**and meddle** (mingle, engage or associate) **not with them that are given to change** (that pervert, disguise or rebel):

**DO NOT GET INVOLVED WITH SEXUAL TEMPTATION:**

‘Young Men’ **Do not** be ravished with a strange woman or embrace their bosom. This can lead to sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS!

**Prov 5:20**

20 **And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished** (stray, be mislead, transgress, be deceived, be intoxicated with, made to wander) **with a strange woman** (2114 - profane, adulterer), **and embrace the bosom of a stranger?**

‘Young Men’ **Beware** of Strange Women and Whores, as it can lead to permanent transgressions! (Psalms 37:38)

**Prov 23:26-28**

26 **My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe** (be pleased, satisfied, accept and approve) **my ways** (course of life or mode of action).

27 **For a whore** (a harlot who commits adultery, fornication or idolatry) **is a deep ditch** (exceeding deep pit or chasm); **and a strange woman** (5237 - adulterer) **is a narrow pit** (tight or troubled pit or well).

28 **She also lieth in wait** (lurks or ambushes) **as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors** (deceitful and unfaithful) **among men.**

‘Young Men’ **Do not** keep company with Harlots, it can cost you your finances for nothing!

**Prov 29:3**

3 ...: **but he that keepeth company with** (associates with) **harlots** (adulterers, fornicators, idolaters or whores) **spendeth** (destroys or loses) **his substance** (wealth or riches for naught).

**DO NOT INDULGE IN ALCOHOL OR DRUGS:**

The following Scriptures are a warning about the use of ‘Alcohol’ or ‘Drugs’ which can lead a ‘Young Person’ into addiction. (Read the Tracts “Alcohol - Booze” and “Drugs” written by Timothy II)

The following is a warning about ‘Alcohol’ and its fascination which can eventually lead a ‘Young Person’ to addiction and its terrible results.

**Prov 23:29-35**

29 **Who hath woe** (lamenting in the sense of crying out after)? **who hath sorrow** (in the sense of desiring)? **who hath contentions** (brawling from discord and strife)? **who hath babbling** (conversing with oneself and aloud, complaining)? **who hath wounds without cause** (in vain)? **who hath redness of eyes?**

30 **They that tarry long** (procrastinate, continue or stay there) **at the wine** (3196 - fermented or intoxicating); **they that go to seek mixed wine.**

31 **Look not thou upon the wine** (3196 - fermented or intoxicating) **when it is red** (flushed or turned rosy), **when it giveth his colour** (sparkles) **in the cup, when it moveth itself aright** (swirls smoothly).

32 **At the last it biteth like a serpent** (snake), **and stingeth like an adder** (viper).

33 **Thine eyes shall behold strange women** (2114 - profane, adulterers), **and thine heart shall utter perverse things** (turned away from what is right or good).

34 **Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.**

35 **They have stricken me** (beat, struck, and wounded me), **shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me** (struck down, beat down, hammered and overcome me), **and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.**

The following is a Warning about the use of ‘Drugs’ which can eventually lead a ‘Young Person’

to Addiction and its terrible results. Although the word ‘Drugs’ in English does not appear in the Bible, the Greek word for ‘Drugs’ (pharmakeia) is referred to in the Bible. This is where the word ‘pharmacy’ comes from in English. The word (pharmakeia) in the Bible also means medication, magic, sorcery and witchcraft!

The Bible teaches that using ‘Drugs’ is mostly the ‘works of the flesh’. This means that when you use ‘Drugs’ you do so because you want to, not realizing that the results of using ‘Drugs’ can cost you your Eternal Salvation in Heaven!

### **Gal 5:19-20**

19 **Now the works** (acts, deeds or doings) **of the flesh are manifest** (apparent or known), **which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,**  
 20 **Idolatry, witchcraft** (‘pharmakeia’ - Drugs), **hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,**

### **Gal 5:21**

21 **Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit** (not be an heir to, or obtain inheritance to) **the kingdom of God.**

Remember, Riotous living is a shame to you and to your ‘Father’!

### **Prov 28:7**

7 ...:**but he that is a companion** (associates with as a friend) **of riotous men** (loose morally, worthless or Prodigal) **shameth his father.**

### **FINALLY DO NOT LISTEN TO EVERYONE:**

As a ‘Young Person’ **Do not** listen to instruction that will cause you to error, especially on the Social Media and/or in High School or College!

### **Prov 19:27**

27 **Cease, my son , to hear the instruction** (doctrine) **that causeth to err** (to stray, transgress, be deceived or to wander) **from the words of knowledge** (1847 - cunning or ‘wittingly’ - which means cognizant or aware of something).

## **XI. THE PRODIGAL SON:**

The following is a Story in the Bible that has become known as ‘The Prodigal Son’. This is a Story told by Jesus that includes several very important points about the “Family” that is pertinent to this “Study”.

‘Prodigal’ in the Dictionary means:

- To drive away or squander.
- Recklessly spendthrift.
- Characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure.

The first important point that is revealed in ‘The Prodigal Son’ is that as a ‘Parent’ it is not a

good idea to give too much money or an inheritance too soon to your ‘Children’.

**Luke 15:11-32**

11 **And he** (Jesus) **said, A certain man had two sons:**

12 **And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion** (share or division) **of goods that falleth** (belongs) **to me. And he divided unto them** (the same) **his living** (the means of his livelihood).

The second point is if you do give your ‘Children’ too much money too soon, they will most likely end up wasting it all on women, booze, drugs, clothes, jewelry, cars, etc.

13 **And not many days after the younger son gathered all** (everything) **together, and took his journey into a far** (off) **country, and there wasted** (squandered) **his substance** (possessions and goods) **with riotous** (or ‘dissolute’ living - which means lacking restraint; especially marked by indulgence in things such as drink or promiscuous sex which are deemed vices and degrading aspects of human nature) **living.**

14 **And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want** (he became ‘destitute’ - which means lacking possessions and resources; especially suffering extreme poverty).

The third point is if your ‘Children’ continue in ‘riotous living’, eventually they will end up with nothing and will have to fend for themselves. (However, this could be a good thing as sometimes you have to hit bottom before you can wake up to your destitute situation).

That is why if one of your ‘Sons’ and/or ‘Daughters’ departs from the Faith, no matter how hard it is, let them go. (1 Timothy 4:1)

Most ‘Children’ that wander away from their “Family” and the Lord **have** to hit bottom before they begin to realize what it was like to be a part of a Godly “Family”; and that what they have been taught about the Lord is reality.

When they do, they will soon return! (Proverbs 22:6)

15 **And he went and joined himself to** (company with) **a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine** (the hogs).

16 **And he would fain** (he desired, set his heart upon, or longed for to) **have filled his belly** (to gorge or to satisfy his belly) **with the husks** (or pods) **that the swine** (the hogs) **did eat: and no man gave unto him.**

17 **And when he came to himself** (to his own senses), **he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!**

18 **I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven** (as the abode of God), **and before thee,**

19 **And am no more worthy** (deserving or suitable) **to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.**

The fourth point is as a “Father” or “Mother”, when a wayward ‘Child’ returns, you need to have ‘Compassion’ on him/her and readily ‘Forgive’ them for **all** their iniquities (Just like Jesus forgave you)!

20 **And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion** (sympathy, pity and/or bowels that yearn), **and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.**

21 **And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven** (as the abode of God), **and in thy sight, and am no more worthy** (deserving or suitable) **to be called thy son.**

The fifth point is if your wayward 'Child' returns 'Forget the past' and treat him/her royally.

22 **But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe** (as a mark of dignity), **and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:**

23 **And bring hither** (bring forth) **the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry** (rejoice and be glad):

24 **For this my son was dead, and is alive again** (has recovered and revived); **he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry** (rejoice and be glad).

The sixth point is for the other 'siblings' in the "Family". You too must 'Forgive' your Brother or Sister if they return and 'Forget the past'. Remember jealousy is not of the Lord! (Proverbs 6:34)

25 **Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh** (drew near) **to the house, he heard musick and dancing.**

26 **And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.**

27 **And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound** (whole and in sound health).

28 **And he was angry** (provoked, wroth and enraged), **and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated** (invited, beseeched, desired and exhorted) **him.**

29 **And he answering said to his father, Lo** (behold), **these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid** (goat), **that I might make merry** (rejoice and be glad) **with my friends:**

30 **But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living** (livelihood) **with harlots** (prostitutes and whores), **thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.**

The last important point in this Story is that the "Father" showed great 'Wisdom' and 'Love' for both of his 'Sons'. His answer to the 'Son' that stayed at home, concerning his attitude and the need for forgiving his Brother, showed great Wisdom. His answer for the Brother that left and was dead but was now alive, showed the Mercy and Forgiveness that Jesus also showed us when we were 'lost and then found', and when we were 'dead and then made alive', through Him. Amen!

31 **And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me** (with me at all times), **and all that I have is thine** (your own).

32 **It was meet** (necessary or needful) **that we should make merry** (rejoice), **and be glad** (be cheerful and happy in greeting him); **for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again** (has recovered and revived); **and was lost, and is found.**

## **XII. GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN:**

‘Grandparents’ have a very important role to fulfill in their relationship in the “Family”. This is evident today because many ‘Grandparents’ have been instrumental in leading their ‘Grandchildren’ to the Lord. It is often through the ‘Prayers’ of the ‘Grandparents’ that this has been accomplished. Also, many ‘Grandparents’ have been Leaders in teaching their ‘Grandchildren’ about God and the Bible, especially when both ‘Parents’ work full time and/or those who’s ‘Children’ live in Single ‘Parent’ homes.

Here, Paul reveals that Timothy’s ‘Grandmother’ Lois passed on her genuine and sincere Faith first to Timothy’s ‘Mother’ Eunice, and then to her ‘Grandson’ Timothy.

### **2 Tim 1:5**

**5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned** (sincere and genuine) **faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.**

Here it states as most ‘Grandparents’ already know, that ‘Grandchildren’ are a Crown to them!

As stated earlier, a ‘Crown’ according to the Dictionary is:

- A reward of victory or mark of honor.
- A royal or imperial headdress.
- The highest part or the topmost part of the skull or head.
- The part of a hat or other headgear covering the crown of the head.
- A wreath, band, crown or circular ornament for the head.
- Imperial or regal power.
- Something that imparts splendor, honor, and finish.

### **Prov 17:6**

**6 Children's children are the crown of old men** (aged men and women);...

To those of you ‘Grandparents’ that have and do understand the “Fear of the Lord”, you are guaranteed that God’s Righteousness will be inherited by your ‘Grandchildren’, and you WILL live to see your ‘Grandchildren’. What a promise!!

### **Ps 103:17**

**17 But the mercy** (kindness, beauty, favor and goodness) **of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him** (morally, reverently, and are fearful and afraid), **and his righteousness** (rightness, morality and justice) **unto children's children;**

### **Ps 128:4-6**

**4 Behold, that thus shall the man** (person or everyone) **be blessed** (abundantly and greatly) **that feareth** (morally, reverently, and are fearful and afraid of) **the LORD.**

**5 The LORD shall bless** (abundantly and greatly) **thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good** (goodness, beauty, gladness, and joy) **of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.**

**6 Yea, thou shalt see** (literally, or behold, experience, and look upon) **thy children's children,...**

It states in the following Scripture that Good and Loving ‘Grandparents’ should leave an inheritance to their ‘Grandchildren’. I would caution here however, from my own experience, that it is not a good idea to leave money to those ‘Grandchildren’ that are too young to know what to do with it, or are of the age that they may be using Drugs, or living immorally. Thus I believe it is best to leave your inheritance to your ‘Children’ if they are living ‘righteously’, and let them make the decision of whether or when to give it to their ‘Children’!! If this doesn’t work for you, you might try putting your inheritance in a Trust Fund with instructions on how and when you want it dispersed.

### **Prov 13:22**

22 **A good** (kindly, loving) **man** (or woman) **leaveth an inheritance to his children's children:...**

The ‘Good News’ for all ‘Grandparents’ is that even though things may not be going well with your ‘Grandchildren’ right now; if you keep on ‘Praying’ **for** and being an example **to** them, there is coming a day that they **will** dwell with you in the ‘Kingdom of God’ **forever!** It is well worth the wait! (Revelation 21:1-4) So keep on keeping on!!

### **Ezek 37:25-27**

25 **And they shall dwell** (settle and remain) **in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt** (settled and remained); **and they shall dwell** (settle and remain) **therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children forever:** **and my servant David** (from the lineage of) **shall be their prince** (King) **forever.**

26 **Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary** (Holy place) **in the midst of them for evermore.**

27 **My tabernacle** (Dwelling place) **also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

## **XIII. THE BARREN:**

Being ‘Barren’ as a ‘Woman’, has been a concern for many Centuries. At one time there was a tremendous stigma attached to this condition. (Genesis 29:31-35) However, today many of these concerns have been resolved through the Medical Profession and Science. I am not recommending any of these procedures as a solution for the ‘Barren’, but I do offer the suggestions that are mentioned here in the Bible.

‘Barren’ according to the Dictionary means:

- Not reproducing.
- Incapable of producing an offspring.
- Used especially of females or mating.
- Not yet or not recently pregnant.
- Habitually failing to fruit.

Many ‘Barren’ ‘Women’ have received Miracles over the years through which they have become joyful ‘Mothers’. Some of these Miracles of the Lord have been achieved through healing,

through adoption, or even by working with other people's 'Children' by becoming School Teachers or Sunday School Teachers. I have personally been involved with and seen God perform many of these Miracles for the 'Barren' throughout the World. For those of you that have been Praying for a Miracle:

I Pray right now that God will Bless you and the Fruit of your Womb!

In the following Scriptures 'Barren' can mean 'male or female', which is important to note because sometimes the 'Husband' is the one who is infertile.

The following Scriptures in Isaiah are somewhat difficult to understand. You might ask what does this have to do with the "Family?" However, the Lord has impressed on Timothy II to include these Scriptures because they may not be important to some of you, but they **are** important to those that are 'Barren'. If you are 'Barren', why not Meditate on some of these Scriptures and see what you might personally get out of them?

The thoughts here in Isaiah seem to be related to the state of the Jews after they returned from captivity; and Jerusalem is compared to being a 'Barren' Wife that needed to begin reproducing. This is considered to be a Prophecy that the reproduction (of the desolate) will eventually be accomplished through the adoption of the Gentiles (the Married Wife) through the Christian Faith (the Church).

#### **Isa 54:1-3**

1 **Sing** (Shout aloud for joy), **O barren** (male or female), **thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing** (rejoicing in triumph), **and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child** (writhe in pain): **for more** (in number or quantity) **are the children of the desolate** (devastated or destitute) **than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.**

2 **Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations** (dwelling place): **spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;**

3 **For thou shalt break forth** (increase) **on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit** (take over) **the Gentiles** (Nations), **and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.**

Galatians here seems to be speaking about an allegory between Agar (Hagar) and Sarah. These Scriptures remind us that sometimes the desolate such as Agar can have more 'Children' than the Married (Sarah) with a 'Husband'; however, through Sarah the promise of God was finally accomplished. The results of God's promise to Abraham and Sarah being fulfilled, is that we Christians have become adopted into God's "Family" as the 'Children' of promise.

#### **Gal 4:22-24**

22 **For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid** (bondservant or slave), **the other by a freewoman.**

23 **But he who was of the bondwoman** (bondservant or slave), **was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.**

24 **Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth** (brought forth, conceived) **to bondage, which is Agar.**

#### **Gal 4:27-28**

27 **For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren** (4723 - sterile) **that bearest not** (produces not seed,

brings not forth or delivers not fruit); **break forth and cry** (shout for help), **thou that travailest not: for the desolate** (lonesome, deserted or solitary) **hath many more children than she which hath an husband.**

28 **Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.**

These Scriptures remind me that God has actually increased His people (the Jews) through the Adoption of us the Gentiles. Adoption therefore is a wonderful method of solving the problem of being 'Barren'. Remember we as Christians are not naturally 'Birthed' into Christ, but have been 'Adopted' in and have become Jews alongside those that are naturally 'Birthed' Jews. For we are all one in Christ Jesus, and Abrahams seed, and heirs according to the promise. PTL!

### **Rom 2:28-29**

28 **For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:**

29 **But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter** (what is written); **whose praise is not of men, but of God.**

### **Rom 10:12-13**

12 **For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek** (Gentile): **for the same Lord over all is rich** (gives His wealth) **unto all that call upon him.**

13 **For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

### **Gal 3:27-29**

27 **For as many of you as have been baptized** (immersed) **into Christ have put on Christ.**

28 **There is neither Jew nor Greek** (Gentile), **there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

29 **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

Here the Scripture states that it is God that makes the 'Barren' Woman to establish a "Family" and to become a Joyful Mother of 'Children'. Praise ye the Lord!

### **Ps 113:9**

9 **He maketh the barren woman** (6135 - sterile as if 'extirpated' in the generative organs which means destroyed completely, pulled up by the roots or cut out by surgery; it can also mean a male or female) **to keep** (to establish a) **house** (especially a Family), **and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.**

If you **are** 'Barren' and want to have 'Children', then seek the things of God and see if He doesn't prove Himself Faithful! It may not turn out the way that you might think it will, but it **WILL** turn out exactly the way He and eventually You will want it too!

Here in Luke is another story about an older 'Barren' couple (Zacharias and Elisabeth) that prayed for a 'Child' and their prayer was finally answered and a Son (John) was born.

### **Luke 1:5**

5 **There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course** (class) **of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters** (descendants) **of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.**

**Luke 1:7-14**

7 **And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken** (advanced) **in years.**

8 **And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order** (regular arrangement) **of his course** (service),

9 **According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot** (chosen by lot) **was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.**

10 **And the whole multitude of the people were praying without** (outside) **at the time of incense.**

11 **And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.**

12 **And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.**

13 **But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.**

14 **And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.**

Finally, I would like to mention here that there are some 'Husbands' and 'Wives' who are not 'Barren' but may elect not to have any 'Children'. I believe that this is up to each Married couple and it is a matter between them and the Lord!

**XIV. THE UNMARRIED:**

There are several categories of 'Unmarried' people that are an important part of the "Family". This section covers some of those people.

(Read the Study Guide "For Singles only" written by Timothy II)

**VIRGINS:**

'Virgins' are those people that have not had sexual intercourse and are yet to be 'Married'.

A 'Virgin' in the Dictionary is:

- An unmarried woman devoted to religion.
- An absolutely chaste young woman.
- An unmarried girl or woman.
- A person who has not had sexual intercourse.

A 'Virgin' in Hebrew is:

**OT:1330 bethuwlah** (beth-oo-law'); feminine passive participle of an unused root meaning to separate; **a virgin** (from her privacy); **sometimes** (by continuation) **a bride**; also (figuratively) a city or state:

KJV - **maid, virgin.**

A 'Virgin' in the Greek is:

**NT:3933 parthenos** (par-then'-os); of unknown origin; **a maiden; by implication, an unmarried daughter:**

KJV - virgin.

Here, Paul discusses some of the situations concerning 'Virgins'.

He first states that although he has no authority from the Lord, he 'advises' that if a 'Virgin' Marries, he or she has not Sinned; however, like all Married people they will have problems in the flesh.

**1 Cor 7:25**

25 **Now concerning virgins** (3933) **I have no commandment** (decree or authority) **of the Lord:** **yet I give my judgment** (opinion, advice and/or counsel), **as one that hath obtained mercy** (Divine grace and compassion) **of the Lord to be faithful** (trustworthy, sure and true).

**1 Cor 7:28**

28 **But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin** (3933) **marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble** (pressure, affliction, anguish, burdens, persecution and/or tribulation) **in the flesh** (human nature with its frailties and passions): **but I spare you.**

Here, Paul states that there is a difference between a 'Wife' and a 'Virgin'. The 'Unmarried' Woman cares for the things of the Lord but the 'Married' Woman cares for the things of the World because she will want to please her 'Husband'.

**1 Cor 7:34**

34 **There is difference also between a wife and a virgin** (3933). **The unmarried woman careth for** (is anxious about and takes thought for) **the things of the Lord, that she may be holy** (physically pure, or morally blameless) **both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for** (is anxious about and takes thought for) **the things of the world, how she may please her husband.**

If a Man thinks he ought to 'Marry' his Fiancé because he has trouble controlling his passions, and/or time is passing; they **should** get 'Married' and it is not a Sin.

**1 Cor 7:36-37**

36 **But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely** (unseemly or act unbecoming) **toward his virgin** (3933 - maiden), **if she pass the flower of her age** (the bloom or prime of her youth), **and need so require** (to be married), **let him do what he will** (desires), **he sinneth not: let them marry.**

However, those that have no urgency and can control their passion, if they decide to stay a 'Virgin' and not 'Marry', they do well.

37 **Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast** (immovable or settled) **in his heart, having no necessity** (need), **but hath power** ('exousia' - authority) **over his own will, and hath so decreed** (decided or concluded) **in his heart that he will keep** (maintain or preserve) **his virgin** (3933 - virginity), **doeth well.**

The following is an example that 'Virgins' just like all Christians, can move in the Gifts.

Here, Paul states that Phillip the Evangelist (also a Deacon: Acts 6:2-5) had four 'Daughters' that were 'Virgins', and that had the Gift of Prophecy. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

**Acts 21:8-9**

**8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven (Deacons); and abode with him.**

**9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins (3933), which did prophesy (4395 - to foretell events, speak under inspiration, and/or to exercise the Prophetic Office).**

**DIVORCED:**

'Divorced' people are those that have been 'Married' and have been legally separated by a Bill of 'Divorcement' (Divorce Papers). Moses originally gave a writing of 'Divorcement', but this was never God's original plan. (Matthew 5:31-32) According to the Bible God hates 'Divorce'! (Malachi 2:15-16)

A 'Divorce' or 'Divorcement' in the Dictionary is:

- The action or an instance of legally dissolving a Marriage.
- To end Marriage with (one's spouse) by divorce.
- To dissolve the Marriage contract between.
- To make or keep separate.

Here Jesus was tempted by the Pharisees that asked him if it was Lawful to 'Divorce' for any or every reason.

A Pharisee according to the Dictionary is:

- A member of a Jewish sect of the intertestamental period noted for strict observance of rites and ceremonies of the written law and for insistence on the validity of their own oral traditions concerning the law.

**Matt 19:3-9 Mark 10:2-9**

**3 The Pharisees also came unto him (Jesus), tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away (Divorce) his wife for every (all, any, all manner of, or whatsoever) cause (reason, matter or fault)?**

**4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made (created) 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 (be glued to, stick to, join to or keep company with) his wife: and they twain (two) shall be one flesh?**

Jesus stated that since **God has** joined the man and woman as 'one flesh' together in Marriage, **no** person should cause them to separate, including each other!

**6 Wherefore they are no more twain (two), but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together (yoked together, conjoined in marriage), let not man (a human being) put asunder (part, depart or separate).**

When Jesus was asked by the Pharisees why Moses gave a 'Writing' or 'Bill of Divorcement', He stated that it was because of the hardness of their hearts.

7 **They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing (Bill) of divorcement, and to put her away** (630 - fully free, release, or Divorce)?

8 **He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered** (allowed gave liberty or permitted) **you to put away** (630 - fully free, release, or Divorce) **your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.**

Jesus then stated that the only legitimate reason for 'Divorce' was for 'Fornication'.

9 **And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away** (630 - fully free, release, or Divorce) **his wife, except it be for fornication** (harlotry, adultery, incest, or idolatry), **and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.**

'Fornication' in the Dictionary is:

- Consensual sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other!

'Adultery' in the Dictionary is:

- Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married man and someone other than his wife.
- Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married woman and someone other than her husband.
- Also an act of adultery.

Here Paul professes this Commandment from the Lord; that the 'Wife' should not leave her 'Husband', but if she does, let her remain 'Unmarried' or reconcile with her 'Husband'. Also let not the 'Husband' leave his 'Wife'!

### **1 Cor 7:10-11**

10 **And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart** (5563 - part, go away or separate) **from her husband:**

11 **But and if she depart** (5563 - part, go away or separate), **let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled** (to change mutually) **to her husband: and let not the husband put away** (forsake, leave, send away, separate, or depart from) **his wife.**

Although God hates 'Divorce', sometimes 'Divorce' happens, even when one partner may not want it to happen. When this is the case, I believe God does not consider it 'adultery' for the partner who was not at fault, and they are free to 'Remarry'.

Even if 'adultery' has occurred due to a 'Remarriage', if the couple was 'Unsaved' at the time of the 'Remarriage', and they then accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior; or if they were 'Backslidden' Christians and then 'Remarried' to someone else and then 'Repent'; I believe they will all be forgiven - or else who can be Saved? (Acts 3:19)

An example of a successful Business Woman in the Bible, who most likely was a 'Divorced' or 'Unmarried' Woman, is Lydia.

Here, Paul and Timothy met the woman named Lydia in Thyatira. She obviously was a Business Woman (as a seller of purple). Although she Worshipped God, the Lord opened up her heart to receive the things which were spoken by Paul. After she and her “Family” received the Lord Jesus and were Baptized, she invited Paul and Timothy to stay at her House.

### **Acts 16:13-15**

13 **And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont (deemed, regarded or usually) to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither** (convened or assembled there).

14 **And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple (a female trader in purple cloth), of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended** (paid attention to) **unto the things which were spoken of Paul.**

15 **And when she was baptized, and her household (Family), she besought us** (invited, implored and/or desired us), **saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide** (stay or dwell) **there. And she constrained us** (compelled by entreaty).

Later on, Paul and Timothy returned to Lydia’s House and when they had visited with the Brethren there and Prayed with them, they departed.

### **Acts 16:40**

40 **And they went out (departed out) of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted** (consoled, exhorted and prayed with) **them, and departed.**

## **WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS:**

Along with the ‘Widows’ in some of this Section I have taken the prerogative to include ‘Widowers’. This is because today in our Society there are many Older ‘Men’ as well as ‘Women’ who have lost their Spouses through death.

### **1. WHO ARE WIDOWS AND/OR WIDOWERS?**

A ‘Widow’ and/or ‘Widower’ is a person who has lost their ‘Husband’ or ‘Wife’ by death.

A ‘Widow’ in the Dictionary is:

- A woman who has lost her Husband by death and usually has not remarried.

A ‘Widower’ in the Dictionary is:

- A man who has lost his Wife by death and usually has not remarried.

### **2. HOW WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS ARE TO LIVE?**

If you **are** a ‘Widow’ or ‘Widower’ you need to Trust in God and persevere by ‘Praying’ and ‘Petitioning’ Him night and day.

### **1 Tim 5:5**

5 **Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate** (single, alone or isolated), **trusteth** (has hopes, confidence, expectations and confides) **in God, and continueth** (perseveres) **in supplications** (petitions and requests) **and prayers night and day.**

Paul encourages the younger 'Widows' to 'Remarry', bear 'Children' and Guide the House; thus, giving no opportunity to the Devil to speak reproachfully against them.

### **1 Tim 5:14**

14 **I will** (intend) **therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house** (3616 - 'oikodespoteo'), **give none occasion** (no opportunity or starting point) **to the adversary to speak reproachfully** (with slander, railing or 'vituperation' - which means sustained and bitter railing and condemnation).

A 'Widow' or 'Widower' has the right to 'Remarry' if she or he is inclined to, but should only 'Remarry' to another Christian (in the Lord)!

### **1 Cor 7:39-40**

39 **The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty** (free) **to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord** (to a Christian).

However, Paul suggests here that 'Widows' and 'Widowers' might be happier if they remain 'Unmarried'!

40 **But she is happier if she so abide** (stays or remains), **after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.**

### **3. HOW WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS ARE NOT TO LIVE:**

Here Paul warns the 'Widows' and 'Widowers' that if you live in unduly and lavish pleasure; according to the Bible, you are considered 'Dead' already. This is a charge given by Paul so that hopefully 'Widows' and 'Widowers' will try to diligently remain blameless and free from guilt.

### **1 Tim 5:6-7**

6 **But she that liveth in pleasure** (luxury or who are 'wanton' - which means hard to control, playfully mean or cruel, causing sexual excitement, being without check or limitation or unduly lavish) **is dead while she liveth.**

7 **And these things give in charge** (declare and command), **that they may be blameless** ('inculpable' - which means free from guilt).

### **4. HOW WE ARE TO TREAT WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS:**

Here it states in the Bible that we are to treat 'Widows' and 'Widowers' with Honor.

### **1 Tim 5:3**

3 **Honour** (revere, esteem, prize and value) **widows that are widows indeed** (certainly, truly or really).

### **5. TAKING CARE OF WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS:**

If any 'Widow' has 'Children' or 'Grandchildren', let them learn first to show their 'respect' for the 'Widow' at home. Then requite or repay them by taking care of them.

### **1 Tim 5:4**

**4 But if any widow have children or nephews (Grandchildren), let them learn first to shew piety (respect towards their Parents or Grandparents) at home, and to requite (give back or to repay them) their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.**

All "Family" members, regardless of your financial status, should provide for the needs of all those of your own Household or "Family", including 'Widows' and 'Widowers'. If you do not meet their needs, the Bible states that you have denied the Faith and are considered as worse than an 'Unbeliever'.

### **1 Tim 5:8**

**8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house (Family, Household and/or relatives), he hath denied (contradicted, disavowed, rejected, refused or 'abnegated' - which means denied or renounced their God) the faith (the Truthfulness of God), and is worse than an infidel (Unbeliever or is without Christian Faith).**

All 'Christians' that have 'Widows' and 'Widowers' should help take care of them so that the Church does not have to. Even if it requires you to get an extra job you need to do so!

### **1 Tim 5:16**

**16 If any man or woman that believeth (is a Believer) have widows, let them relieve (avail or help) them, and let not the church be charged (weighed down or burdened); that it may relieve (avail or help) them that are widows indeed (certainly, truly or really).**

## **6. THE CHURCHES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR WIDOWS:**

The Church is 'responsible' for helping to take care of the 'Widows' when they meet the following suggested criteria in the Bible.

- They should be sixty years old or older.
- They should have been faithful as a Spouse.
- Well reported of for good works.
- Having brought up Children.
- They have lodged strangers.
- They have washed the feet of the Saints.
- They have relieved the afflicted.
- They have diligently followed after every good work.

### **1 Tim 5:9-10**

**9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore (sixty) years old, having been the wife of one man (Husband),**

**10 Well reported of for good works (deeds); if she have brought up children (fulfilled the duties of a Parent), if she have lodged (is hospitable to) strangers, if she have washed**

(cleansed) **the saints' feet, if she have relieved** (helped) **the afflicted, if she have diligently followed** (after) **every good work.**

The Church should refuse to take care of the younger 'Widows' because with too much free time they may become active in the following:

- They may become wanton due to sexual desires.
- They will want to remarry.
- They will become too hard to control.
- They may cast off their former Faith.
- They will learn to be idle.
- They will wander from house to house.
- They will learn to be tattlers and busybodies.
- They will speak things they ought not to.

### **1 Tim 5:11-13**

11 **But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against** (hard to control or become 'voluptuous' against - which means full of delight or pleasure to the senses, conducive to or arising from sensuous or sensual gratification, suggesting sensual pleasure by fullness and beauty of form; given to or spent in enjoyment of luxury, pleasure, or sensual gratifications) **Christ, they will marry;**

12 **Having damnation** (condemnation), **because they have cast off their first** (former) **faith** (of the truthfulness of God, especially reliance upon Christ for Salvation).

13 **And withal** (Also, or at the same time) **they learn to be idle** (inactive, unemployed, lazy, useless), **wandering about** (vacillating) **from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers** ('prater's' - which means blabbermouths; also 'garrulous' - which means given to rambling, or tediously dull in speech and manner; also pointlessly or annoyingly talkative) **also and busybodies** (meddlesome), **speaking things which they ought not.**

### **GOD WILL BE YOUR HUSBAND:**

Regardless of the reasons why you as a 'Woman' may be 'Unmarried'; do not be afraid nor ashamed; God has an answer for you. **He will be your 'Husband'!**

### **Isa 54:4-8**

4 **Fear not** (Do not be afraid, or frightened); **for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded** (insulted, confused, hurt or reproached); **for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of** (feelings and/or condition of) **thy youth, and shalt not remember** (be mindful or mentioned of) **the reproach of thy widowhood any more** (again, further or all lifelong);

5 **For thy Maker is thine husband** (who has married you); **the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer** (the next of Kin, Kinsfolk or Kinsman who has Married you) **the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth** (World) **shall he be called.**

6 **For the LORD hath called thee** (called thee out by name) **as a woman forsaken** (deserted) **and grieved** (worried, pained and/or angry) **in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused** (spurned, cast away or melted away), **saith thy God.**

7 **For a small** (abbreviated or little) **moment have I forsaken thee** (permitted this); **but with great mercies** (bowels of compassion and tender Love) **will I gather thee** (bring thee together);  
 8 **In a little wrath** (indignation, like a splinter chipped off) **I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness** (favor, goodness, merciful and Loving kindness) **will I have mercy** (Love and compassion) **on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer** (the next of Kin, Kinsfolk or Kinsman who has Married you).

## **XV. THE CHURCH FAMILY:**

The Church “Family” can be a wonderful ‘addition’ to your own “Family”, and it can be a wonderful ‘substitute’ for those that have no “Family”.

The Church “Family” is made up of all types of people and of various age groups.

The following are some examples of those age groups and the attitude, behavior, characteristics and Ministry that God has designed for those that are a part of His Church “Family”.

### **THE AGED WOMEN IN CHURCH:**

The Church “Family” has many ‘Aged Women’ that have found that they can be productive for many years. In many Churches the ‘Aged Women’ are the backbone of the Church and are the staunch ‘Prayer Warriors’ that hold the Church together.

My own Sister-in-Law lost her Husband many years ago. Fortunately her and her Husband attended Church regularly, so when he passed away she already had the Church “Family” to turn to. She now not only attends Church regularly, but as a Leader she is responsible for housing, feeding and transporting the Missionaries who come to speak at her Church. She is also active in many of the Church activities and is leading a very full and productive life for the Lord.

The following Scripture reveals what God expects in the behavior of the ‘Aged Women’ in His Church.

The ‘Aged Women’ are to be:

- In good behavior that represents Holiness.
- Not false accusers or ‘traducers’.
- Not given to much wine.
- Teachers of valuable, right and honest things.

### **Titus 2:3**

3 **The aged women** (older women) **likewise, that they be in behavior** (conduct, position or condition) **as becometh holiness** (Reverent, Sacred and Holy), **not false accusers** (slanderers or ‘traducers’ - which means to expose to shame or blame by means of falsehood and misrepresentation), **not given** (a slave to or in bondage) **to much wine** (a winebibber), **teachers of good things** (valuable, virtuous, honest and the right things);

### **THE YOUNGER WOMEN IN CHURCH:**

Here it is recommended that the ‘Aged Women’ in the Church should Teach and Guide the ‘Younger Women’ in the Church on how to become ‘Wives’ that keep their House and “Family” in order.

The 'Younger Women' are:

- To be self controlled.
- To be affectionate and to Love their Husbands.
- To Love their children with maternal fondness.
- To be discreet and moderate as to opinion or passion.
- To be clean, pure and Modest.
- To be good housekeepers.
- To be a good person.
- To be obedient and subordinate to their own Husbands.

### **Titus 2:4-5**

4 **That they** (the Aged Women) **may teach the young women to be sober** (of a sound mind, self controlled and temperate), **to love their husbands** (affectionate as a Wife), **to love their children** (maternal fondness of one's children),

5 **To be discreet** (moderate as to opinion or passion), **chaste** (clean, pure, innocent and Modest), **keepers at home** (one that stays at home and is a good housekeeper), **good** (as a person), **obedient** (subordinate) **to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed** (vilified, defamed or spoken evil of).

According to the New Testament, another important area that the 'Aged Women' in the 'Church Family' are to set as an example is 'Modesty'. Basic 'Modesty' today seems to be something that has been lost by the younger generation. The clothes that many wear, the way that they are worn, the makeup the girls use, the cursed language that some use, and the attitude that they exhibit, all fall short of what the Bible reveals as 'Godly' behavior in young ladies!

'Modesty' in the Dictionary means:

- Freedom from conceit or vanity.
- Propriety in dress, speech, and/or conduct.

'Propriety' in the Dictionary means:

- The quality or state of being proper.
- Conformity to what is socially acceptable in conduct or speech.
- Fear of offending against conventional rules of behavior especially between the sexes.
- The customs and manners of polite society.

The 'Younger Women' are to:

- Adorn themselves in Modest clothing.
- Display a humble and Modest attitude towards men and God.
- With soberness and self control.
- Not with fancy hairdos and costly accessories and clothing.
- But kept to a Modest level that professes Godliness with good works.

### **1 Tim 2:9-10**

9 **In like manner also, that women** (especially Wives) **adorn themselves in modest** ('decorous' - which means marked by propriety and good taste; or orderly decorated and/or

arrangement of) **apparel** (clothing), **with shamefacedness** (bashfulness towards men, modesty towards God and reverence) **and sobriety** (sobriety and self control); **not with broided hair** (twined or braided), **or gold, or pearls, or costly** (extremely expensive) **array** (clothing or apparel);

10 **But (which becometh women** (especially Wives) **professing godliness) with good works.**

### **THE AGED MEN IN CHURCH:**

The 'Aged Men' that have the following 'beneficial traits' can be productive in the Church for many years. Remember, according to (Proverbs 20:29): "The beauty of old men is their gray head."

The 'Aged Men' are to:

- Abstain from wine and to be 'circumspect'.
- To be honest and 'venerable'.
- To be temperate and self controlled.
- To be Sound in their Faith, especially reliance on Christ for Salvation.
- To be Sound in Love and affection.
- To be Sound in patience, cheerful endurance and perseverance.

### **Titus 2:2**

2 **That the aged men** (older men) **be sober** (to abstain from wine, be discreet or to be 'circumspect' - which means careful to consider all circumstances and possible consequences), **grave** (honest, devout and 'venerable' - which means calling forth respect through age, character, and attainments), **temperate** (sound in mind and self controlled), **sound in faith** (the truthfulness of God, especially reliance upon Christ for Salvation), **in charity** (Love and affection), **in patience** (cheerful endurance and constancy; also perseverance).

As 'Aged Men' it is important to always remember how God has been your source that you have been able to lean upon since your Mothers' womb. This will help you to Praise God continually.

### **Ps 71:6**

6 **By thee have I been holden up** (propped up so as to lean upon) **from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels** (womb); **my praise shall be continually of thee.**

'Aged Men' need to Pray for God not to forsake you; but to give you the time and the strength to finish the work that He has Called you to do! Also, to show God's strength and power to this generation and to everyone that is to come!

### **Ps 71:9**

9 **Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength** (3581 - vigor, ability, might and power) **faileth.**

### **Ps 71:18**

18 **Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength** (2220 - arm, might and power) **unto this generation, and thy power** (1369 - valor, victory, mastery, might and strength) **to everyone that is to come.**

It is important for 'Aged Men' to be 'Planted' in the House and "Family" of the Lord. The promise being that you **will** still produce fruit even in 'Old Age'. Although, I don't know about the 'Fat' part, the 'Flourishing' sounds fine!

### **Ps 92:13-14**

13 **Those that be planted** (or transplanted) **in the house** (or Family) **of the LORD shall flourish** (bloom, blossom, bud or grow) **in the courts of our God.**

14 **They shall still bring forth fruit** (flourish or increase) **in old age; they shall be fat** (rich and fertile) **and flourishing** (green, new and prosperous);

### **THE YOUNGER MEN IN CHURCH:**

'Younger Men' also need to show a pattern of 'good works' as well as the similar 'beneficial traits' of the Elders. Remember, according to (Proverbs 20:29): "The glory of you 'Younger Men' is your strength."

The 'Younger Men' are to follow closely the things that the 'Aged Men' have exhorted:

- To be sober minded, moderate and self-controlled.
- In all things displaying a pattern of good works.
- In Doctrine displaying incorruptness.
- Displaying honesty and 'probity'.
- Displaying 'sincerity' which is honesty of the mind and freedom from hypocrisy.
- Having sound speech that is true in Doctrine.

### **Titus 2:6-8**

6 **Young men likewise exhort** (pray for, beseech, entreat) **to be sober minded** (be of sound mind, moderate, self-controlled, discreet and temperate).

7 **In all things shewing** (exhibiting) **thymself a pattern of good works** (deeds and acts): **in doctrine shewing uncorruptness** (incorruptness and soundness), **gravity** (honesty and 'probity' - which means adherence to the highest principles and ideals), **sincerity** (9999).

8 **Sound speech** (true in Doctrine), **that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary** (opposite or antagonistic) **part may be ashamed, having no evil thing** (foul or wicked thing) **to say of you.**

You 'Younger Men' are also to:

- Be an example to the 'Believers' in your behavior and conduct.
- Be an example in Agape Love.
- Be an example in Spirit.
- Be an example in your Faith towards God.
- Be an example in purity, cleanliness, innocence, Modesty and perfection.
- Give attendance to reading the Word.
- Give attendance to exhortation.
- Pay attention to good Doctrine.
- Do not neglect or treat lightly the 'Charisma Gifts' that are in you.
- Meditate upon these things.
- Give yourself wholly to them that your growth may appear to all.

- Pay attention to yourself and to your instruction and Teaching.
- Continue in them in order to deliver and protect yourself and those that hear you.

### **1 Tim 4:12-16**

12 **Let no man despise thy youth** (youthfulness or newness); **but be thou an example** (type, model or pattern) **of the believers, in word** (the logos), **in conversation** (behavior or conduct), **in charity** (agape Love), **in spirit** (9999), **in faith** (the truthfulness of God, especially reliance upon Christ for Salvation), **in purity** (cleanliness, chastity, innocence, Modesty and perfection);

13 **Till I come, give attendance** (give heed or pay attention to) **to reading, to exhortation** (comfort, consolation and entreaty), **to doctrine** (instruction and teaching);

14 **Neglect not** (do not be careless of, make light of or have no regard for) **the gift** (charisma) **that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery** (order of Elders or Seniors);

15 **Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly** (9999) **to them; that thy profiting** (progress, advancement, furtherance, growth and increase) **may appear to all.**

16 **Take heed** (Pay attention to) **unto thyself, and unto the doctrine** (instruction and teaching); **continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save** (deliver, protect, preserve, make whole and/or heal) **thyself, and them that hear thee.**

\*Note: The following is a Warning to all you ‘Younger Men’ and ‘Younger Women’ in the Church “Family”.

Do not ‘rebuke’ any Seniors in the Church. Instead, treat the ‘Aged Women’ as ‘Mothers’ and the ‘Aged Men’ as ‘Fathers’.

Also you ‘Younger Men’ and ‘Younger Women’ you are to treat all the ‘Younger Women’ as ‘Sisters’ and all the ‘Younger Men’ as ‘Brothers’ in the Church!

### **1 Tim 5:1-2**

1 **Rebuke not** (chastise or upbraid not with words) **an elder** (4245 - a Senior or Christian Presbyter or Leader in the Church), **but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;**

2 **The elder women** (4245 - a Senior or Christian Presbyter or Leader in the Church) **as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity** (chastity, cleanliness, innocence and Modesty);

A ‘Presbyter’ in the Dictionary is:

- A member of the governing body of an early Christian Church.
- A member of the order of Priests in Churches having Episcopal hierarchies that include Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.

## **XVI. FRIENDS:**

‘Friends’ and ‘Friendships’ play a very important role in our lives whether it is for a short time of existence or for a lifetime of existence. I believe ‘Friends’ are created by God to enhance our “Family” relationships, but not necessarily to replace them.

An example of this is how many ‘Friendships’ develop between Service Buddies during wartime. These ‘Friendships’ become very strong, especially during combat. However, after the war ends,

most Servicemen and Servicewomen return to their “Families” and often never see their Buddies again.

Most people become ‘Friends’ through their relationships as Family Friends, Schoolmates, Classmates, Teammates, College Friends, Neighbors, Business Associates, Service Buddies, Club Members, Church Members, Bible Study members, Ministry Associates, etc.

These ‘Friends’ usually remain with us throughout our time together in these activities and oftentimes they become lifetime ‘Friends’. For those who have no “Families” or who are separated by distance from their “Families”, these relationships become even deeper and I believe they are approved by God.

The Bible has some insight into these ‘Friends’ and ‘Friendships’ and should reinforce the need, importance and warnings about these relationships.

### MEANINGS:

The following are the meanings of the Word ‘Friends’.

The meaning of ‘Friends’ in the Dictionary is:

- One attached to another by affection or esteem.
- One that is not hostile.
- One that is of the same nation, party, or group.
- A favored companion.
- To have a friendship or friendly relationship with.

The meaning of ‘Friends’ in Hebrew is:

**OT:7453 rea`** (ray'-ah); or reya` (ray'-ah); from OT:7462; **an associate (more or less close):** KJV - brother, **companion**, fellow, **friend**, husband, lover, **neighbour**, (an-) other.

The meaning of ‘Friends’ in the Greek is:

**NT:5384 philos** (fee'-los); properly, dear, i.e. **a friend**; actively, fond, i.e. **friendly** (still as a noun, **an associate**, **neighbor**, etc.):

KJV - **friend**.

The meaning of ‘Friendship’ in the Dictionary is:

- The state of being friends.
- The quality or state of being friendly.

The meaning of ‘Friendship’ in Hebrew is:

**OT:7462 ra`ah** (raw-aw'); a primitive root; to tend a flock; i.e. pasture it; intransitively, to graze (literally or figuratively); generally to rule; by extension, **to associate with (as a friend):**

KJV - break, **companion**, **keep company with**, devour, eat up, evil entreat, feed, **use as a friend**, **make friendship with**, herdsman, keep [sheep]-), pastor, shearing house, shepherd, wander, waste.

The meaning of 'Friendship' in the Greek is:

**NT:5373 philia** (fil-ee'-ah); from NT:5384; **fondness:**  
KJV - **friendship**.

### **NEGATIVE FRIENDS AND/OR FRIENDSHIPS:**

The Bible warns us about those that are Negative 'Friends' and/or 'Friendships'.

Here God says **not** to make 'Friendship' with angry people.

#### **Prov 22:24-25**

24 **Make no friendship** (7462) **with an angry** (wrathful or forbearing) **man** (person); **and with a furious** (filled with anger, wrath, hot displeasure or 'indignation' - which means anger aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or mean) **man** (person) **thou shalt not go** (run or abide with);  
25 **Lest thou learn his ways** (which are a well-trodden road), **and get a snare** (a noose, a hook or a trap) **to thy soul**.

We are also **not** to make 'Friendship' with the things of this World. If you do, you may soon become an enemy of God.

#### **James 4:4**

4 **Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship** (5373) **of the world is enmity** (2189 - hostility, opposition and hatred) **with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend** (5384) **of the world is the enemy** (2190 - hateful, hostile, adversary or foe) **of God**.

### **POSITIVE FRIENDS AND/OR FRIENDSHIPS:**

The following are the Positive situations and relationships with 'Friends' and/or 'Friendships'.

'Friends' are unashamed to speak to one another Face to Face!

#### **Ex 33:11**

11 **And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man** (person) **speaketh unto his friend** (7453). ...

#### **3 John 14**

14 **But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face**. ...

A 'Friend' Loves at all times, whereas our 'Kindred' are sometimes born for adversity.

#### **Prov 17:17**

17 **A friend** (7453) **loveth** (has affection for, or like a Friend) **at all times, and a brother** (Kindred) **is born for adversity** (trouble, a female rival, affliction, distress, or tribulation).

Hearty 'Counsel or advice' is as sweetness of 'Holy Anointing Oil' to a true 'Friend'.

#### **Prov 27:9**

9 **Ointment** (Anointing Oil) **and perfume** (or incense) **rejoice** (brightens up, cheers up and makes merry) **the heart: so doth the sweetness** (pleasantness of Discourse) **of a man's friend** (7453) **by hearty counsel** (advice, plan, purpose; also prudence).

Do not forsake your own 'Friend' nor your 'Father's' 'Friend'. This is important because many 'Young People' ignore their Parents 'Friends' when they get older.

If your "Family" lives far off, neither go to the House of your Kindred in the day of need, but rather go to your Neighbors House that is nearer to you when you are in need of help.

### **Prov 27:10**

10 **Thine own friend** (7453), **and thy father's friend** (7453), **forsake not; neither go into thy brother's** (kindred) **house in the day of thy calamity** (oppression, misfortune, ruin, or destruction): **for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother** (kindred) **far off.**

A good 'Friend' will 'sharpen the countenance' or demeanor of his or her 'Friend'.

### **Prov 27:17**

17 **Iron sharpeneth iron** (an iron implement); **so a man** (person) **sharpeneth the countenance** ('demeanor' - which is the outward manner and/or behavior toward others): **of his friend** (7453).

There is no greater 'Love' than this; that a person will lay down their life for his or her 'Friends'; Just like JESUS did!

### **John 15:13**

13 **Greater love** (agape) **hath no man** (3762 - man, woman or thing) **than this, that a man** (5100 - some, or any person) **lay down his life for his friends** (5384).

When meeting and/or departing from 'Friends'; as good Christians it is Scriptural to greet each other by Name and to greet and/or depart with a hug and/or embrace.

### **3 John 14**

14 ...**Peace** (prosperity, quietness and rest) **be to thee. Our friends** (5384) **salute** (782 - to enfold in the arms or embrace) **thee. Greet** (782) **the friends** (5384) **by name** (of authority, character, called or 'surname' - which is an added name derived from occupation or other circumstance; a nickname; or the name borne in common by members of a Family).

### **Titus 3:15**

15 **All that are with me salute** (782 - to enfold in the arms or embrace) **thee. Greet** (782 - enfold in the arms and embrace) **them that love** (phileo) **us in the faith. Grace be with you all.**

**Amen.**

### **FRIENDS OF GOD:**

For those of you Christians that have been 'Serving' God for a long time; according to the Scriptures you are no longer 'Servants', but have now become the 'Friends of God'. You have not chosen God, but He has chosen you! Along with the knowledge that we are now 'Friends of God' and are no longer 'Servants' comes certain privileges and expectations from God.

These are as follows:

- You are my Friends, if you do what I Command you.
- You are no longer Servants.
- You know all things that Jesus has heard from the Father.
- Jesus has Chosen You.
- He has Ordained You to Go and bring forth Fruit.
- That your Fruit should remain.
- Then whatsoever you ask the Father in Jesus Name, He will give you.
- Jesus Commands you to Love one Another.

### **John 15:14-17**

14 **Ye are my friends** (5384), **if ye do whatsoever I command you.**

15 **Henceforth** (Here after) **I call you not** (no longer or will never call you) **servants** (1401 - 'doulos'); **for the servant** (1401 - 'doulos') **knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends** (5384); **for all things** (everything, the whole, all manner of, always, daily, every way, thoroughly) **that I have heard of my Father I have made known** (certified, declared and given to understand) **unto you.**

16 **Ye have not chosen** (chose out or selected) **me, but I have chosen** (chose out or selected) **you, and ordained** (conceived, made, appointed, placed and purposed) **you, that ye should go and bring forth** (bear, carry or lead forth) **fruit, and that your fruit should remain** (will stay in a given place, state, relation or expectancy); **that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give** (deliver up, grant it, or yield it) **it you.**

17 **These things I command you, that ye love** (25 - 'agapao') **one another.**

Even Abraham was called a 'Friend of God' because he believed God and it was counted unto him for 'Righteousness'.

### **James 2:23**

23 **And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God** (had Faith, entrusted and committed to that trust), **and it was imputed** (counted or esteemed) **unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend** (5384) **of God.**

## **XVII. THE LAST DAYS:**

The time is coming and now is that the evolution of the destruction of the "Family" is developing into a complete chaotic state that (except for God's intervention) would eventually destroy Civilization itself. The future of 'The Last Days' is beginning NOW!

It is hard for me to believe that I would see the day that so many "Family" members are killing each other. In America 'Mothers' have allowed the killing of their own babies through Abortion, and now 'Mothers' and 'Fathers' have even been killing their own young 'Children'. Suicide is also running rampant in old people and young people as well as many of our Servicemen and Servicewomen. Many horrible atrocities are occurring in different places around the world, especially against Christians, that I believe can only be attributed to the beginning of 'The Last Days'. (Revelation 17:6, 8)

The Bible states that ‘perilous times’ are coming in these ‘Last Days’. Among other things is that ‘Young People’ will become stubbornly ‘Disobedient’ and ‘Rebellious’ to their ‘Parents’. This is happening now!

## **2 Tim 3:1-2**

1 **This know also, that in the last** (latter or final) **days perilous** (difficult, dangerous, furious or fierce) **times shall come** (be at hand, be present, be instant).

2 **For men** (human beings) **shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous** (fond of money or ‘avaricious’ - which means greedy of gain or excessively acquisitive especially in seeking to hoard riches), **boasters** (braggarts), **proud** (above others or haughty), **blasphemers** (railers or ‘impious’ - which means not pious, lacking in Reverence or proper respect as for God or one's Parents), **disobedient** (unpersuasive, or ‘contumacious’ - which means stubbornly disobedient and rebellious) **to parents** (1118), **unthankful** (ungrateful), **unholy,**

Here the Bible talks about how in ‘The Last Days’, ‘Brother’ will eventually deliver his ‘Brother’ to death, and ‘Father’ the ‘Child’; also, ‘Children’ shall rise up against their ‘Parents’ and cause them to be put to Death. This is already happening around the world, especially where “Families” are of different ‘Faiths’ and where some “Family” members have left their Faith to become “Christians”. Just recently in America a young girl sued her Parents for what she said was ‘neglect’, but actually what she wanted was some of their wealth so she could squander it on her boyfriend. Also recently in America several individual young boys and girls have killed their Mothers, Brothers, Sisters and other “Family” members!

## **Matt 10:21 Mark13:12**

21 **And the brother** (80) **shall deliver up** (surrender, betray, give over) **the brother** (80) **to death, and the father** (3962) **the child** (5043); **and the children** (5043) **shall rise up** (attack) **against their parents** (1118), **and cause them to be put to death.**

## **Luke 21:16**

16 **And ye shall be betrayed** (surrendered, delivered up, given over) **both by parents** (1118), **and brethren** (80 - brothers), **and kinsfolks** (4773 - relatives or cousins), **and friends** (5384 - associates and neighbors); **and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.**

The ‘Wrath of God’ will soon be coming upon **ALL** those in the World that are partakers of such things as ‘Ungodliness’, ‘Unrighteousness’ and ‘Disobedience’! (John 3:36 Ephesians 5:6 Colossians 3:6)

As you read about the following Sins, you will note that many of the things that God condemns is exactly what some in America and the rest of the World now believe is OK! **God doesn't!!**

**Remember this!** ‘Time is of the Essence’! Everyone is going to spend Eternity somewhere; the choice is yours - **HEAVEN** or **HELL!**

## **Rom 1:18-32**

18 **For the wrath** (justifiable abhorrence, indignation and punishment) **of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness** (impiety and wickedness) **and unrighteousness** (93 - injustice, wrongfulness and iniquity) **of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness** (93);

19 **Because that which may be known of God is manifest** (5318 - apparent or appeared) **in them; for God hath shewed** (5319 - rendered apparent and declared) **it unto them.**

20 **For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world** (including its inhabitants) **are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made** (His workmanship), **even his eternal power** ('dunamis') **and Godhead** (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit); **so that they are without excuse:**

21 **Because that, when they knew** (were aware of, perceived and/or understood) **God, they glorified** (esteemed, honored, or magnified) **him not as God, neither were thankful** (grateful); **but became vain** (foolish, wicked, and idolatrous) **in their imaginations** (reasoning's and thoughts), **and their foolish heart was darkened.**

22 **Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools** ('simpletons' - which is a person lacking in common sense; or 'insipid' - which means devoid of qualities that make for spirit and character; also implies a lack of sufficient taste or savor to please or interest; and also applies to things that have lost their sparkle or zest although well-regarded in its day; it also suggests a lack of rewarding or satisfying substance; and lastly implies a lack of any significant or convincing quality),

23 **And changed the glory** (dignity, honor and praise) **of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man** (human being), **and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.**

24 **Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness** (impurity, physically and morally, foul, lewd and especially demonic) **through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor** (despise, suffer shame, and entreat shamefully) **their own bodies between themselves:**

25 **Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped** (adored or to 'venerate' - which means to regard with reverential respect or with admiring deference) **and served the creature** (creation) **more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.**

26 **For this cause** (reason) **God gave them up unto vile** (indignant, disgraceful, dishonorable, and shameful) **affections** (passions and lusts); **for even their women did change** (exchange) **the natural** ('instinctive' - which means of, relating to, or being instinct; also prompted by natural instinct or propensity) **use** (specifically sexual intercourse) **into that which is against nature** (germination or natural production of lineal descent):

27 **And likewise** (Similarly) **also the men, leaving the natural** ('instinctive' - which means of, relating to, or being instinct; also prompted by natural instinct or propensity) **use** (specifically sexual intercourse) **of the woman, burned** (inflamed deeply or consumed) **in their lust** (longing after or excitement of the mind) **one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly** (indecent, shameful, by implication the 'pudenda' which is the external genital organs of a human being), **and receiving** (taking, in full) **in themselves that recompence** (to pay for, or 'requital' - which means something given in return, compensation, retaliation or penalty) **of their error** (delusion, fraudulence, being deceived and/or seduced) **which was meet** (necessary, fit or proper).

28 **And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge** (acknowledgement, recognition, discernment or perception), **God gave them over** (surrendered, cast and/or committed) **to a reprobate** (unapproved, rejected, worthless and castaway) **mind** (intellect or understanding; in thought, feeling or will), **to do those things which are not convenient** (fit, suitable nor proper);

29 **Being filled with all unrighteousness** (morally, wrongfulness of character life or act; iniquity), **fornication** (9999), **wickedness** (depravity, malice, Sins), **covetousness** (practices; or

greediness), **maliciousness** (badness, depravity, evil); **full of envy** (ill-will, jealousy, corruption), **murder** (slaughter), **debate** (quarreling, wrangling, contention, strife, variance), **deceit** (tricks, guile or subtlety), **malignity** (bad character, mischievousness); **whisperers** (a secret 'calumniator' - which means to utter maliciously false statements, charges, or imputations about; or to injure the reputation of by calumny (misrepresentation),

30 **Backbiters** (talkative against, slanderers), **haters of God, spiteful** (an insulter, or a 'maltreater' - which is to treat cruelly or roughly), **proud** (appearing above others, haughty), **boasters** (braggarts), **inventors** (contrivers) **of evil things** (depraved, injurious, bad and wicked), **disobedient** ('contumacious' - which means stubbornly disobedient) **to parents,**

31 **Without understanding** (unintelligent, wicked or foolish), **covenantbreakers** (not agreed, treacherous to compacts), **without natural affection** (hard-hearted toward Kindred), **implacable** (which means not capable of being appeased, significantly changed, or mitigated), **unmerciful** (merciless):

32 **Who knowing** (recognizing, or fully acquainted with) **the judgment** (justification and righteousness) **of God, that they which commit** (practice or perform repeatedly or habitually) **such things are worthy** (deserving or due reward) **of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in** (think well of in common, feel gratified with) **them that do them** (practice or perform repeatedly or habitually).

## **CONCLUSION:**

If none of the Scriptures in this "Study Guide" have helped you with your "Family" situation, perhaps you need to go back and review the basic principles of how you have 'Built' your "Family" and House and who you have 'Built' it upon!

## **THE ROCK:**

Even if you have managed to bring your "Family" into a peaceful and harmonious state, there is still a need for you to 'Build' your "Family" and "House" on a firm Foundation so that it will last. In order to be firm, that Foundation needs to be 'Built' on a 'ROCK'! And that 'ROCK' is JESUS CHRIST! (Psalms 18:2 18:31 18:46 28:1 31:2-3 62:2 62:6 71:3 78:35 89:26 94:22 95:1 Romans 9:33 1 Corinthians 10:4)

Here in Matthew it is mentioned that the 'Church' itself was to be 'Built' upon 'the Rock'. I believe that 'Rock' is Jesus Christ and not Peter as some religions believe.

## **Matt 16:18**

18 **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter** (4074 - Petros), **and upon this rock** (4073 - Petra) **I will build my church** (1577 - a religious congregation, Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or Saints in Heaven or both); **and the gates of hell** (Hades) **shall not prevail against** (overpower) **it.**

Besides all the Scriptures that refer to Jesus as 'the Rock', I believe the proof that JESUS is the 'Rock' that the Church is built upon and not Peter is in the following information:

The reason I believe the Lord meant that 'the Rock' is JESUS and not Peter, is that in the Greek the word for the 'Rock' in verse 18 of (Matthew 16) is **Petra**, which means '**a mass of**

**Rock;** whereas the word for Peter is **Petros** which means '**a (piece of) Rock**'. Thus Jesus is '**a mass of Rock**' whereas Peter is '**a piece of the Rock**'!

In the Greek:

**JESUS:**

**NT:4073 petra** (pet'-ra); feminine of the same as NT:4074; **a (mass of) rock** (literally or figuratively):

KJV - **rock**.

**PETER:**

**NT:4074 Petros** (pet'-ros); apparently a primary word; **a (piece of) rock** (larger than NT:3037 - a stone); as a name, **Petrus**, an apostle:

KJV - **Peter, rock**. Compare NT:2786.

Also, notice here that 'God the Father' is the one that revealed this information through His Son 'Jesus' to Peter; so 'God the Father' was telling Peter that 'His Son Jesus' **is** the one that the 'Father was Building His Church upon!

**Matt 16:16-20**

16 **And Simon Peter** (4074 'Petros' - a piece of rock) **answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

17 **And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona** (Son of Jonah); **for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

18 **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter** (4074 'Petros' - a piece of rock), **and upon this rock** (4073 'Petra' - a mass of Rock) **I will build my church** (1577 - a religious congregation, Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or Saints in Heaven or both); **and the gates of hell** (Hades) **shall not prevail against** (overpower) **it.**

19 **And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind** (tie) **on earth shall be bound** (tied) **in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose** (loosen) **on earth shall be loosed** (loosened) **in heaven.**

20 **Then charged** (commanded) **he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.**

The following is an example of the difference between those that 'Build' their "Family" or House on 'the Rock' JESUS and those that don't!

**Matt 7:24-27 Luke 6:47-49**

24 **Therefore whosoever heareth** (shall hear and understand) **these sayings** (thoughts, reasoning's and Doctrine) **of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house** (3614 - or Family) **upon a rock** (4073 'Petra' - a mass of Rock):

25 **And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon** (violently rushed upon in a storm) **that house** (3614); **and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock** (4073 'Petra' - a mass of Rock):

26 **And every one that heareth** (hears and understands) **these sayings** (thoughts, reasoning's and Doctrine) **of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish** (dull or stupid,

heedless blockhead) **man, which built his house** (3614) **upon the sand** (as heaped up on the beach):

27 **And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house** (3614); **and it fell: and great was the fall of it.**

### **THE FAMILY OF GOD:**

For those of you that have no “Family” here on earth, there is ‘Good News’ for you! If you haven’t yet done it, you can join the “Family of God”. For those of you that do have “Families” here on earth, you too can join the “Family of God” in order to **know** that you have **Eternal Life!**

If and when you Pray the ‘Sinners Prayer’ and invite Jesus into your heart as your Lord and Savior, you immediately become a part of the “Family” (Household) of God. (Romans 10:8-10)

### **Eph 2:19**

19 **Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens** (fellow Christians) **with the saints, and of the household** (Family) **of God;**

### **THE FAMILY IN HEAVEN:**

Once you join the “Family of God”, you will have the Keys to the Kingdom and be allowed to enter into the “Family in Heaven” **FOREVER AND EVER!!**

### **Eph 3:14-15**

14 **For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
15 **Of whom the whole family** (3965) **in heaven and earth is named,**

The Lord has written this “Study Guide” for **you** personally and for **your** “Family”; this is not only to get your ‘Family’ in order, but also so that you may believe on the Name of the Son of God, and that you may KNOW that you have **Eternal Life!**

### **1 John 5:13**

13 **These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know** (be aware of, consider, perceive, be sure of, and understand) **that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe** (have Faith, Commit and Trust) **on the name of the Son of God.**

**AMEN!**

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