

# Family 1<sup>st</sup>



*Sunday Morning Series*

# Appreciating Godly Roles

## GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. For many people, the concept of family values sounds old-fashioned and archaic. The home is being bombarded and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. It is evident that there is a loss of respect for purity, the definition of marriage is changing in our culture, parents are failing, fathers are absent, women are everywhere else but at home, divorce is commonly accepted, grandparents are raising their grandchildren, children/youth are showing less respect, kids move in and out frequently, family members are confused and we need something to change! The home will fall apart without God and the Bible! In this specific lesson we will focus on appreciating the God-given roles to the family. Let's study together...

Discussion:

### *I. The Role of Husbands*

- A. Praise your family (**Proverbs 31:23, 28-29**).
- B. Submit to your wife (**Ephesians 5:21**).
- C. Love your family (**Ephesians 5:25-29**).
- D. Don't neglect your wife's needs (**I Corinthians 7:2**).
- E. Provide for your family (**I Corinthians 7:2-5**).
- F. Support your family (**I Timothy 5:8**).
- G. Respect your wife (**I Peter 3:7**).

### *II. The Role of Wives*

- A. Provide for your family (**Proverbs 31:10-31**).
- B. Don't neglect your husband's needs (**I Corinthians 7:2**).
- C. Respect your husband (**I Corinthians 11:3**).
- D. Submit to your husband (**Ephesians 5:22-24**).
- E. Manage your family's affairs (**I Timothy 5:14, Titus 2:5**).
- F. Love your family (**Titus 2:4**).
- G. Encourage your husband (**I Peter 3:1-4**).

### *III. The Role of Children*

- A. Listen to your parents (**Proverbs 1:8-9**).
- B. Support your parents (**Mark 7:6-13**).
- C. Obey your parents (**Ephesians 6:1**).
- D. Honor your parents (**Ephesians 6:2**).
- E. Respect your parents (**Ephesians 6:3-4**).
- F. Follow your parents (**Colossians 3:20**).
- G. Do not neglect your parents (**I Timothy 5:3-16**).

Conclusion: We need godly husbands, wives, and children. Is your house in order? Do you need prayers from the church family? Have you been added to the family of God?