



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Sermon
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LESSON #5 = Why Families Matters

Introduction: *In this series we are taking a close look at the home. We realize that the marriage was the first institution and the family unit is a distinct part of it. What does God expect in the home? What parts of the family are most important? In this lesson we will see why families matter...*

Discussion:

I. When Families Matter Physical Needs Are Met

- A. The husband should dwell with his wife (**I Peter 3:7**).
- B. The wife should make sure that her family is fed, clothed, and dry (**Proverbs 31:10-31**).
- C. The parents should provide for all of their children's needs (**I Timothy 5:8**).

II. When Families Matter Intellectual Needs Are Met

- A. The husband must not alienate his wife (**I Peter 3:7**) or provoke his children (**Ephesians 3:19, 21**).
- B. The wife should make sure that her family is educated (**II Timothy 1:5, 3:15, I Peter 3:1-6**).
- C. The parents share a responsibility in teaching (**Deuteronomy 11:18-21, Proverbs 22:6**).

III. When Families Matter Emotional Needs Are Met

- A. The husband should honor his wife (**I Peter 3:7**) and admonish his children (**Ephesians 6:4**).
- B. The wife should respect and submit to her husband (**Ephesians 5:22-24, 33, Colossians 3:18**).
- C. The children should respect and love all family members (**Ephesians 6:1-3, Colossians 3:20**).

IV. When Families Matter Sexual Needs Are Met

- A. The sexual union is nothing dirty or shameful because God created it (**Genesis 3:24-25**).
- B. The husband and the wife should meet their spouses sexual needs (**I Corinthians 7:2-5**).
- C. The children should respect the privacy of the parents (**Ephesians 5:22-6:4**).

V. When Families Matter Spiritual Needs Are Met

- A. The husband can have his prayers hindered if he does not take care of his wife (**I Peter 3:7**).
- B. The wife must not give up on her husband's spiritual development (**I Corinthians 7:10-16**).
- C. The entire family should aim for heaven (**Luke 16:19-31, Philippians 3:14**).

Conclusion: *We can clearly see that God loves the home. He has a plan for the home and the family. Family matters to God and it should matter to us. Are you helping or hindering your family? What are you contributing to your family? How is your home? How is your relationship with God? What can you do to prove to God, and the world, that the family matters to you? May God bless the home!*