

Family 1st



Sunday Morning Series

Preventing Broken Homes

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this specific lesson we will focus on preventing broken homes. The statistics on divorce has finally plateaued, but there is an increase among single parent families. How can we prevent broken homes? Let's consider the advice of Paul (**Romans 12:9-13**). Let's study together...

Discussion:

- I. To Prevent A Broken Home We Must Have Purity (Romans 12:9)***
 - A. A pure home does not practice hypocrisy (**Luke 12:1-2**).
 - B. A pure home abhors what is evil (**I Corinthians 13:4-7**).
 - C. A pure home clings to what is good (**Philippians 4:8-9**).

- II. To Prevent A Broken Home We Must Have Preference (Romans 12:10)***
 - A. A preferred home is one that shows kindness (**Ephesians 4:32**).
 - B. A preferred home is one that shows affection (**I Thessalonians 2:8**).
 - C. A preferred home is one that shows honor (**I Thessalonians 5:12-13**).

- III. To Prevent A Broken Home We Must Have Perseverance (Romans 12:11)***
 - A. A persevering home takes diligence (**Galatians 6:9**).
 - B. A persevering home takes fervency (**I Corinthians 15:58**).
 - C. A persevering home takes service (**Galatians 5:13** - servant-driven).

- IV. To Prevent A Broken Home We Must Have Patience (Romans 12:12)***
 - A. A patient home rejoices in times of happiness (**Philippians 4:4**).
 - B. A patient home weeps in times of tribulation (**I Peter 5:8-9**).
 - C. A patient home prays in times of trial (**James 5:16**).

- V. To Prevent A Broken Home We Must Have Perceptiveness (Romans 12:13)***
 - A. A perceptive home is based on seeing needs (**Luke 10:29-37**).
 - B. A perceptive home is based on meeting needs (**Acts 2:44-45**).
 - C. A perceptive home is based on hospitality (**I Peter 4:9**).

Conclusion: We need to guard our hearts and guard our homes. Where are you in your Christian walk? Where is your family headed? How are things within your spiritual family? If you are not living as a faithful and godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you!