

To Seek & To Save the Family (Ephesians 5:19-21)

INTRODUCTION: The love for the Church at Ephesus which the apostle Paul felt is chronicled in Acts 20:31. The Bible says he spent 3 years warning them night and day. Besides helping to found the church – he wrote the Book of Ephesians to help ground the church. And it is in the Book of Ephesians that we learn of the importance of proper family relationships.

Proverbs 24:3, “Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:”

I. REVERENCE OUR LORD.

A. SURRENDER TO GOD (EPHESIANS 5:21)

I Corinthians 11:3, “But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.”

Proverbs 12:7, “The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.”

B. STATE YOUR DEDICATION TO GOD.

Joshua 24:15, “. . . as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

II. REMEMBER OUR SPOUSE

A. HUSBANDS MUST REMEMBER TO SUPPLY LEADERSHIP AND LOVE. (EPHESIANS 5:23-29)

1. Leadership (5:23) Doesn't mean you are smarter or superior.
2. Love (5:25)
 - a. Sacrificially

I Corinthians 13:5, “Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;”

- b. Sanctifying (5:26-28)
- c. Satisfying - nourish her; an encouraging kind of love (5:28-29)

B. WIVES MUST REMEMBER TO PROVIDE SUBMISSION AND SUPPORT. (EPHESIANS 5:22)

Genesis 2:18, “And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”

III. RAISE OUR CHILDREN (EPHESIANS 6:1)

Proverbs 29:15b, “. . . a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.”

A. RESTRAIN YOUR CHILD FROM WRONG (I SAMUEL 3:11-13)

Proverbs 29:17, “Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.”

B. REWARD THEM FOR RIGHT. (NOT WRONG)

C. READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN

II Timothy 3:15, “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

Hebrews 10:25, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

D. RELATE TO YOUR CHILDREN (EPHESIANS 6:4)

PRINCIPLES:

1. Identify any negative family tradition
2. Re-Focus; Evaluate
3. Don't blame-shift
4. Take Action
5. Stay in Scripture
6. Find a Godly Role Model
7. Set a Legacy for them.