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# I'M CONCERNED ABOUT MY FAMILY!

(Notes from P. D. Wilmeth)

I. I recall this scene.

A. An older person, spoke to a young mother and gave some child rearing advice. Then she said "I'm glad I don't have to raise mine now!"

B. Is there an unusual challenge?

II. The family is here to stay.

A. God started it.

B. He has no other plan.

C. It's stood the test of time.

D. But it needs our careful thought even now.

III. The challenge of today.

A. It has changed from a self contained to a dependent consuming unit.

1. Wife often a wage-earner.

B. It's mobile.

1. Jobs, education, military cause us to move.

C. Women are working.

1. Some for necessity, some for better standard.

2. It brings problems:

a. Affluency.

b. Income conflicts.

c. Reversal of rolls.

d. Child care.

e. New competition for men's jobs.

D. Family interests extended.

1. Daddy a do it yourself.

2. Mothers in the clubs.

E. Extended life span.

1. 74 for women.

68 for men.

a. Lot of golden anniversary

IV. Do I know a family's function.

A. Preserve culture and value.

1. We teach language, traditions, secret, attitudes.

2. Formerly folk were identified by families  
--are they today?

B. Roles outlined by God.

1. Husband.

2. Wife.

3. Child.

C. In the home we need to bring children to maturity.

1. Educate -- 4 million now in colleges and universities.

2. Our children due to hush economy and early dating are marrying younger.

3. Let's share what we know.

4. Teach fundamentals.

a. Church has an obligation to teach in family relations.

D. Homes need to be for the peaceful years.

1. 15 million over 65.

2. 5 million over 75.

3. By 2000 A.D. it will be 1 out of 10.

4. Let's allow age to accept these guidelines

- a. Inevitably we must grow old.
- b. We need to save for it.
- c. Keep on being useful.
- d. Maintain physical care and person.
- e. Use books, etc. for mental stimulation.
- f. Be involved spiritually.
- g. Have your privacy.

West End-2/21/65

I flew to Memphis one time with a stranger, Mr. Stewart, from Sparta. He told me about a pet dog he had in his family and he said "You know, that dog can just scratch on the door, my wife will jump right up and let him out. I told her I could stand outside and knock for fifteen minutes and she never would let me in--that's the way she pays me no attention."

"Best way to break a heart  
is to drop it" he also  
said