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Christian Families Are Wonderful

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Marriage and family are basics of human happiness & society. Paul gives magic formulas for happiness in our text. Roles!

This pattern abused, bruised, mutilated and desecrated. Husband love wife as self, & enough to die for her. Wives love, respect and obey husband in the Lord. Children obey your parents in the Lord. Comply with these rules of life and will be happy. Defy these rules of life and happiness will elude you.

I. CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS (Agrees fully with Paul.)

A. Dr. George Macer, associate clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at U. of S. Cal. School of Medicine makes some interesting observations. (Dallas, News. 4-19-67.)

1. "Lately, it seems that more marriages are unhappy and in jeopardy than ever before. The happily married couple seems to be an ODDITY."

2. Secular Education is making poor homes. "Education has certainly taught the way toward marital maturity; it seems that the higher the educational level, the more conflicts and tensions are present."

3. Most do not need Marriage Counselors or Psychiatrist. "They can probably solve their own problems by learning to communicate."

a. Bro. Max Leach, ACC professor of Psychology, says 70 to 75% of Christian couple's problems can be solved by going to elders or preacher.

II. SOLUTION IS SEEING AND GOING GOD'S OLD FASHIONED WAY.

A. Comment: Can't go that way in today's complex society. Rebuttal: Can if want to bad enough. Plenty odd couples!

B. FATHER'S ROLE is clearly defined. Eph. 5:23, 25, 6:4.

1. Bro. Dr. Tom Cunningham, at preacher's luncheon. 

   a. Tests show that father's influence or lack of it is greater than any other single influence on child.

   b. Sons treat wives like father treats mother. IP 3:7.

2. Father is: God's protector, bread winner, teacher of righteousness, image of God & king of castle.

C. MOTHER'S ROLE is as clearly defined. Eph. 5:22, 23, 24.

1. Dr. Macer puts the burden of successful marriage on shoulders of the wife and mother. "I personally feel that the success or failure of a marriage really
lies in the hands of the female. A man is no more than an overgrown boy, and most girls, if they do it properly, can wrap them around their little fingers.

In successful marriages, this has been done very un-obtrusively, and the man has been made to feel that he has made all the decisions. So I feel that a girl can make or break a marriage at will.

   b. To Christian Girls: If you marry out-of-the-Lord your Head does not (yet) fear the Lord nor respect God's laws as YOU do. Unequally yoked? If not, what?

III. THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG CHRISTIAN COUPLES. Dr. Macer.

1. Sexual incompatibility is rare. Trouble is emotional, mental or spiritual. Sex is blamed. False!

2. Do not make GLUE out of the children. Use to keep the marriage together. Not glue, but joy. Happy with or out

3. Practice the Golden Rule: Tell him his faults and expect him to tell you yours; starts blending!

4. Financial planning imperative. Delay marriage if need be. Trade 2 torturous years for 50 happy years, instead of 2 happy years for 50 torturous years. Get that education. Save that money. Look WAY ahead!

5. Friends are good—at the appropriate distance! Don't go with those who are in trouble long. Wears off! Don't trust your best & closest friend; esp. if unhappy


INV: GOD HAS PROVIDED FOR HAPPY HOMES FOR ALL—ONLY LISTEN!


In delinquency, flee such. Acts 8:22.

Identify.
CHRISTIAN FAMILIES ARE WONDERFUL

Ephesians 5:22-28

If not, is truly Chr. family superior to non-Chr. family? why have?
All have much in common: Family membership, name, heritage, responsibilities, reputation and future.

Remember when you started family? WEDDING DAY. Memories?
Hope all young people want finest surroundings when marry
viz family there, church house, preacher, music etc.

Remember: Takes two christians to make Chr. home. Marry one.

I. PRIVILEGES AND BLESSINGS OF CHRISTIAN HOME. Sociology text.

A. Biological needs. All have desires, drives & hungers.
   1. I Cor. 7:2-3 says marriage proper fulfillment.
      Holy, saved, Spirit & Divine.

B. Intimate companionship. (LOVE)
   1. Deepening love of mates as mature: spiritual understa
      a. "We have lived and loved together." George P. Baker.
   2. Parents and children's simple needs: Kiss, bruise,
      Appreciate all this more when mice are gone!!!!

C. Enlargement of Experience.
   1. Parents blend two backgrounds. Music, art, sports etc.
   2. Children draw on parents, Parents learn about school, 
      sports, the arts and sciences, coming generation.

D. Security.
   1. Husband is the breadwinner. I Tim. 5:8. Leader, King 
   2. Mother: Queen, nurse, cook, teacher and referee.
      Ill. "Father, how old will you be when I bring you 
      to this county home for the aged?" Took him home

E. Regeneration. (Recuperation or Relaxation)
   1. Relaying headquarters. Let down place. Collapse stati
   2. Family activities, entertainment, recreation.

RESPONSIBILITIES THAT MAKE CHR. FAMILY WONDERFUL.

A. Parents honor each other. Eph. 5:22-23. I Cor. 13:4-8.
B. Father leads the spiritual life. Eph. 6:4.
   Ill. Farm house, Bibles on table, read before retiring.
   Ill. Modern girl's attitude toward home. ***
   Ill. Compare with child's attitude. Knt. II. P. 296.
D. Children help make a Chr. family wonderful. Eph. 6:1-3

Part of problem or solution?

God designed the family to be man's superstructure for happiness. If not, our fault in some way.

Every home entitled to: Christian father. B-R-C-B.

Christian mother.

Christian children, if old enough

are you doing your part?

The Lord's family entitled to happy members.

Happy members are obedient members. B-R-C-B.

If have been disobedient and are unhappy-R-P.