

# **Raising Children**

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## I. Introduction.

## II. The responsibility of the father.

### A. To the wife. (Ephesians 5:25, 5:23, 1 Peter 3:7, 1 Corinthians 11:3)

1. The father is the foundation stone.
2. The wife being subject does not make the husband better.
3. We are in the family of God - joint heirs with Christ.
4. The husband as the head is to serve - the onus is on him if he is to be like Jesus. (Mark 10:45)
5. Loving your neighbor as yourself is central. (Matthew 22:37, Ephesians 5:27)
6. Love without harshness and be not bitter. (Colossians 3:19, Isaiah 41:15)
7. Love joyfully. (Ecclesiastes 9:9)
8. Meet physical needs. (1 Corinthians 7:3)
9. It is good for a man to be joined to a wife. (Genesis 2:18, 2:24)
10. There seems to be a very elementary reason for marriage: to prevent fornication. (1 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Proverbs 6:27, Matthew 5:27)
  - a. Sex is not a bad thing.
  - b. Lust is not permitted.
  - c. You can get forgiveness from the penalty of sin but not the effects of sin. (Proverbs 2:19, Acts 13:22, 1 Kings 15:5, 2 Samuel 12:10)
11. The husband wants to lead the wife spiritually. (Amos 3:3, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

### B. To the children.

1. Training/discipline/building. (Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Proverbs 22:6)
  - a. The armor of God is in the context of living in the Christian home.
  - b. The Devil is on attack against the family.
2. Correction. (Colossians 3:21, Psalm 103:15, Proverbs 13:24, Psalm 127:3-5,)

- a. Do not make your children angry.
- b. We ought not to be afraid of the rod of correction. (Colossians 22:15, Isaiah 30:15, Genesis 18:19, 1 Samuel 13:15, 3:13 2:19, 1 Timothy 3:4, Titus 1:6)
- c. Do not threaten and only punish once, for obedience is better than sacrifice. (1 Samuel 22, Ephesians 6:9, Proverbs 22:13, 19:18)

3. Fear the Lord, to make Him the children's refuge. (Proverbs 14:26)

C. To others.

### III. The responsibility of the wife.

- A. To the husband.
- B. To the children.
- C. To others.

### IV. The responsibility of the children.

- A. To the father.
- B. To the mother.
- C. To others.

### Application questions

1. What are some of the basic principles the Scripture teaches about the husband's relationship to his wife?

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2. Why is discipline and correction neglected today? Why is this dangerous?

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3. Select one of the verses the speaker lists, memorize it and write it below. What stands out to you about this verse in regards to the responsibility of the husband?

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