

## Session 10 - Home as the Center of Worship & Ministry *(continued)*

*Deuteronomy 5:29; 6:5-7, 20-25; Psalm 78:5-7*

### I. Worship

#### A. What? (continued)

##### 2. More than mystical experience.

###### Scriptural Illustrations

- a. II Corinthians 8:3,5 . . . . . Give myself first
- b. Deuteronomy 26:10 . . . . . Firstfruits worship
- c. Matthew 26:7 . . . . . (Alabaster box) life investment
- d. Luke 5:5-11 . . . . . (Peter) catch of fish

##### 3. Atmosphere, spirit of home

- a. Verbal recognition of God's presence and involvement
- b. Normal subject of conversation - Deuteronomy 6:6,7

#### B. How?

##### 1. Honesty regarding spiritual truth - John 4:24

- a. Spirit-controlled attitudes - Ephesians 5:18
- b. Application of Word to actions

Confession and apology when necessary

##### 2. Developing and exhibiting a spirit of praise and

thanksgiving

Psalm 35:28

Hebrews 13:15

### 3. Family devotions

- a. Exposing to truth regarding God
- b. Tailored and geared to level of development
- c. Enjoyable

#### C. Why?

- 1. He is worthy - Revelation 4:11
- 2. Command and example of Christ - Matthew 4:10
- 3. Life of hope and fulfillment - Psalm 78:7; Romans 15:13
- 4. God's constant search - John 4:23
- 5. Learn to want what God wants - Acts 22:8,10

## **II. Ministry - Spiritual truth more caught than taught**

#### A. What?

- 1. Development and maturity of character of those in home  
Deuteronomy 6:6,7
  - a. Demands individualized involvement  
i.e., age, interest, level of understanding
  - b. Living situation greatly revealing
- 2. Exposure to meaningful truth and techniques

#### B. How?

- 1. Mutual honesty
  - Ephesians 4:25
  - Ephesians 4:15
  - Colossians 3:16

a. Teachable spirit

Proverbs 18:15

b. Admission, confession, forgiveness

Ephesians 4:32

2. Involvement in Bible investigation consistent, not routine

a. Family altar, devotions

1) Keep meaningful, varied, brief

2) Exposure to Word, beware of unrealistic demands

3) Avoid superimposing adult expectations

b. Conversations at meals

1) Include each one, all get involved

2) Use of normal opportunities, don't force

3) Communicate, don't use cliches, think!

c. Application of scriptural principles to experiences of life

3. Prayer times

a. Conversational

b. Special needs, events, share answers

c. Personal experiences and needs

4. General conduct

a. Basic attitudes (mutual consideration)

Ephesians 4:2,3

b. Personal habits and manners

c. Carry share of load

## C. Why?

To influence others outside the home

### 1. Greater exposure to non-Christian community

- a. Share our lives, win confidence, requires effort, time, patience
- b. Don't force witness, pray and trust the Holy Spirit to prepare the way and open the door
- c. Purposeful entertainment, at home or a coffee shop, share testimony
- d. Possible uses of tapes - "seminar conference we just attended"

### 2. What attracts non-Christians?

- a. Love and acceptance, not necessarily approval

John 8

- b. Love among us

John 13:34,35

- c. Christian character observed

Galatians 5:22,23

- d. Purpose, goal, conviction in life

Isaiah 14:27

- e. Confidence in what we believe and why

- f. Ability to present Gospel understandably and clearly