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Romans 10:15

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Lessons on the Christian's Social Life from The Teachers Annual

Lesson Commentary—1951 Aim—*To create and deepen individual fellowship with Christ and to quicken the conscience of Christians that they may carry the spirit of Christ into all their activities and relationships.*

Editors note: As noted in last weeks bulletin the following article will address the Christian and the Family. We continue to be in dire need of individuals returning to God's design and plan for the family, not only in the Lord's church, but so much more in our nation. We must ask ourselves; "are we willing to repent and return to His desire, and not our own, for the family's well-being and the future of His people"? I hope these studies on the Christian's place in the world will be of encouragement to you as you seek to please God in your walk. SF

THE CHRISTIAN AND THE FAMILY

The Lesson Text

Eph. 5: 22-25; 6: 1-4; 1 Pet. 3: 1, 7

22 Wives, be in subjection unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, being himself the saviour of the body.

24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it.

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise),

3 That it may be well with thee,

and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.

1 In like manner, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, even if any obey not the word, they may without the word be gained by the behavior of their wives;

7 Ye husbands, in like manner, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor unto the woman, as unto the weaker vessel, as being also joint-heirs of the grace of life; to the end that your prayers be not hindered.

GOLDEN TEXT.—“Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Prov. 22: 6.)

DEVOTIONAL READING.—Prov. 1: 7-19.

Summary Thoughts on the Christian & the Family

The family is the unit of society. Family life is an index to the strength and stability of the nation. When family life breaks down, the nation has little promise of the future. (Consider the current state of our nation. SF) No institution can be strong without organization, so God has given the family sufficient organization to function. He has made the husband the head of the family. Wives are to be in subjection to their husbands, and children are to honor fathers and mothers. Fathers are to provide the material needs of the family; they have the responsibility of providing a home for the family. Wives are to be keepers at home, making home for the husband and children. Paul says "*young women are to marry, bear children, and rule the household.*" (I Tim. 5:14) The wife has the duty of ruling the household. This is to be understood in the light of the teaching that the husband is the head of the wife. But since the husband is out of the house much of the time, the ruling of the household falls largely upon the wife.

Not only has God given the family its organization, but He has assigned its purpose. First, the family is for the bearing and rearing of children. Next, the family plan is for the happiness and welfare of both parents and children. Those who wish to enjoy the blessing of marriage, but re-



fuse to accept the responsibilities of the institution are not pleasing to God. Husband and wife will be happier, more useful to society, and pleasing to God if they will bear and rear children as God intends. The family is a very necessary arrangement for the happiness and welfare of children. Since they are so helpless when they come into the world, and so dependent upon others for their physical, moral, and spiritual growth, the wisdom of God is obvious in giving us the family plan.

But the family plan is not quite enough if it is not built on the plan and principles of God's word, so that it may do the best work. No family can be what it should be without Christ enthroned as its King and example in life. The family is definitely crippled in its work if either the husband or the wife is not a Christian. For this reason young men and women should be nurtured and admonished to start the family right by marrying right, Christians marry Christians. The family is not a missionary society where a Christian marries an alien in the hope of converting him. The odds are against the Christian, and there is too much at stake to run the risk of possibly losing one's soul. So, what should one do who is married to a spouse who is not a Christian? The Apostle Peter makes clear what should be first in the Christians' life and example in speaking to the wives. "*Likewise you wives, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be*



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won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear." (I Pet. 3:1,2) Also, in verse 7 he says to husbands, "Likewise you husbands, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered." Let's vow to put God's plan for the family first! Adapted by Steve Frazier

Daily Bible Readings

M.....	Jesus as a Member of the Family (Luke 2: 40-52)
T.....	Jesus Visits with a Family (Luke 10: 38-42)
W.....	Be Not Unequally Yoked (2 Cor. 6: 14-18)
T.....	Duties of Parents and Children (Col.: 3: 18-25)
F.....	Christians Provide for Their Own (1 Tim. 5: 1-16)
S.....	Timothy an Example of Good Training (2 Tim. 1: 1-11)
S.....	The Law of Love for All (Rom. 13: 8-14)

Order of Worship April 4, 2021

Song Leader—AM	Matthew Frazier
Song Leader—PM	Steve Frazier
Lord's Table	Michael Young
Sermon—AM	Devin Barber
Sermon—PM	Devin Barber

Please continue prayers for the Lord's church, those in authority, and those we bring to our attention at our meetings, and for the free course of the gospel.

I John 5:14

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10:00 am Worship 05:00 pm Evening Worship

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