

# Glad Tidings

## Romans 10:15

### September 26, 2021

## Godly Homes

Homes do not become godly by accident. What is a godly home? It is a home where the members have a desire to be like God. It is a home where Christ is enthroned as Master and Lord.



In view of the decline of spirituality and of morality, there is an even greater need for godly homes in our present world.

Among our greatest needs are godly fathers. God said of Abraham, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (Gen. 18:19). What a marvelous tribute to a father! How much better our world would be if we had fathers who would instruct their offspring in the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment. How many fathers do you know who fit the description given of Abraham? According to the Apostle Paul, fathers have the responsibility of bringing up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Are you a father? Do you have children under your care? Your children will not wait. They need your direction and leadership NOW. Help them to know the Lord.

Also among our greatest needs are godly mothers. The Bible presents a long list of worthy mothers. Consider the character of Hannah. Her gratitude to God for a son was so great that she promised that son to the Lord all the days of his life (1 Sam. 1:11). How many mothers today have a desire to see their sons given to the service of God? It is a rare thing when mothers

love God enough to direct their sons into a life of service to Him.

There are many reasons why the home is not the spiritual haven and training ground it once was. How can you train a child in spiritual things when the TV offers such vivid and strong competition in material attractions? Consider also the example of Eunice, the mother of Timothy. “When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also” (2 Tim. 1:5). It is no wonder that Timothy was such an outstanding worker with Paul. With a grandmother and mother like these two women he was fortunate indeed. Are you a mother? Do you love your children like Hannah? Do you have the spiritual welfare of your son or daughter at heart like Eunice? Or do you push them aside for the television or other interests to entertain?

Godly homes must include the young people. Sons and daughters must and can be taught to love the Lord and live holy lives in His service. NO greater example of beginning early in service can be found than that of Jesus at the age of 12. He said “I must be about my father’s business” (Lk. 2:49). What a thrill it is to see young people on fire for Jesus! It is more often true that their development is put off and put off by parents until too late. Did you catch what Paul said of Timothy? “And that from a child...” Some parents seem to believe that their children must be old enough to enter high school before they can be taught. Little children love to learn new things. They love to sing about God and Jesus. It is the duty of father and mother to see that they grow in these things.

Sadly, young boys/men, and girls/women are being sold out by their parents. The world exerts pressure on young people through their peers to “shack up” and “conquer someone” and “feel good with drugs or drink.” If you don’t go along with the crowd you become an outcast. Young people need to learn the importance of purity of life—of saving themselves for a life-long mate. Virtue is not obsolete. Like of Joseph of old (Gen. 39:7-23) young people must say NO when temptation comes. Confide in your father and mother and learn to pull together in the family. Pray together with all the members of the family.



Fathers, practice regular family devotion. Read the Bible every day in the presence of all the family members. The home is coming, and has been under fire from Satan. The Lord has provided us with the necessary means to defeat him if we will. Don't wait until it is too late. Godly homes do not just happen. They must be built.

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## Today's Greatest Needs

FATHERS	LIKE ABRAHAM	FAITHFUL-SINCERE- Gen. 18:19 RESPONSIBLE - Eph. 6:4; Tit.2:1,2
MOTHERS	LIKE EUNICE	FAITHFUL-2 Ti.1:5,3:15 KEEPERS AT HOME-Tit.2:4,5. BLESSED Pro.31:28
YOUNG	LIKE JESUS	OBEDIENT TO PARENTS -Lk. 2:51 ABOUT GOD'S BUSINESS- Lk. 2:49
PEOPLE	LIKE SAMUEL	OBEDIENT TO PARENTS-1 Sam.2:11 AND TO GOD-1 Sam.3:10; Eph. 6:1,2
PREACHERS	LIKE PAUL	1 Cor.2:1-5; PREACHING TRUTH-Gal.1:6-9. DEFENDING-Phil.1:16. LIVING Gal.2:20
EVERYBODY	LIKE BEREANS	NOBLE -Acts 17:11 DIVINE STANDARD LOVED & RESPECTED -2 Tim. 3:16,17



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**Sermon Notes:** Sept. 26, 2021 Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

### Order of Worship September 26, 2021

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

Continue prayers for those on our list, and for the free course of the gospel.

*1 John 5:14*

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**Hebrews 10:24-25**