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Lesson 28: "The Family"

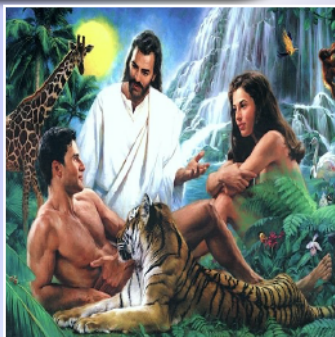


Every society is made up of families. The major reason why there are so many social problems, crime and drug addiction today is because Satan has successfully brought division and confusion within the family. God created the family unit to be a miniature church to reflect the love of Christ to the world. Family problems come as a result of the family not following the teachings that are found in the Bible. Could the Bible have the solution for all the marital and parenting problems in our society? Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and find out!

1) Who was the first family in the Bible? -Genesis 3:20.

1 - The first family and married couple were "A__a__ and E__e__."

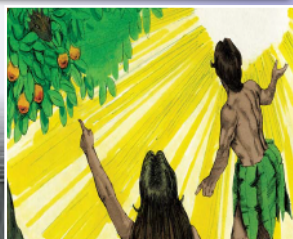
*Note: Adam and Eve were the first spouses as well as the first parents. Before sin came into the world, there were no marital arguments, disobedient children and problems in the home. God's plan is to bring the family back to the perfect Edenic condition as before the curse of sin.



2) What division immediately came into the home after Adam and Eve sinned against God? -Genesis 3:11-13.

1 - "And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, s__ gave me of the tr ____, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The s __ pe __t b __g __iled me, and I did eat."

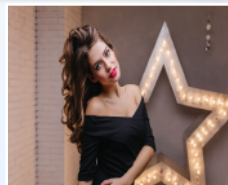
*Note: Instead of taking responsibility for his mistake, Adam blamed Eve for sinning against God and eating the forbidden fruit. Notice that Eve followed her husband's course of action and blamed the serpent for her mistake. Blame, arguments, insults and later, divorce, only came in the family after Adam and Eve fell under the curse of sin. This tells us that only God has the remedy for family and marital problems!



3) In order to get back to the original Edenic Family plan, we must follow God's instructions. What are God's instructions in regards to premarital sex? -1 Thessalonians 4:3.

1 - The Bible teaches that we must "abst__in from f__ __n__cation."

***Note:** Fornication is referring to all forms of sexual immorality, which includes premarital sex. Today, premarital sex has become a common acceptable practice. Data from the National Survey of Family Growth indicate that "in 2002, 77% of Americans had sex by age 20, and of that percent, 75% had premarital sex." Through the music and the entertainment industry, Satan has successfully deceived many to believe that it is okay, but the Bible says that it is a sin and every sin has negative consequences.



Many celebrity stars promote fornication and premarital sex.

***Question: What negative consequences can result from going against God's Word and having premarital sex?**

***Answer:** The biggest problem with premarital sex pertaining to the family is having children out of wedlock, which will often result in the child being raised by only one parent. This is NOT God's perfect plan. Children need both parents to teach and nurture their children, being a godly example to the children of how a man and woman should be. Studies show that children raised in a single parent home are more prone to alcohol addiction, drug addiction and depression than those raised in a home with both parents. Premarital sex can also result in sexually transmitted diseases, some of which are life threatening.

4) What counsel does Paul give that will help us to abstain from fornication in dating relationship? -1 Corinthians 7:1, 2.

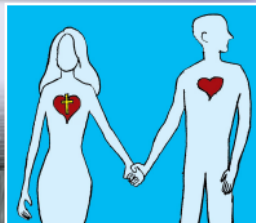
1 - "It is good for a m__ not to t__ch a w__m__n."

2 - "To avoid f__nication, let every man have his own w__ __e, and let every woman have her own h__ __b__nd."

***Note:** Intimate touching, kissing and sexual foreplay before marriage will often times lead to fornication, which is why Paul says don't touch a woman. Get to know the person mentally and spiritually during the dating period and save the physical intimacy until after marriage. Also, it's not wise to date someone for long periods of time and to procrastinate on marriage because of the temptation of fornication. Within a year, you should know the person enough to discern if this is the person you are to marry. To date for five, ten or fifteen years is totally unnecessary and will often lead to fornication.

5) What does the Bible say about dating or marrying one who is NOT a follower of Christ? -2 Corinthians 6:14, 15.

1 - "Be ye n__t uneq__lly y__k__d together with unb__li__v__rs: for what fellowship hath r__ght__usness with unr__hteousness?"



6) Why does the Bible tell us to not marry people who don't follow God? -Deuteronomy 7:3, 4.

1 - "For they will t__n aw__y thy son from f__ll__wing me, that they may serve other g__ds."

***Note:** The biggest and most important decision one can make outside of baptism is marriage. The person you choose to marry is the person that you have committed to be with for your whole earthly life! Your spouse is also the one who you could very possibly have children with. This is why you need to be equally yoked (joined) together with one who believes and follows Jesus. Unequally yoked relationships results in continual arguments about moral beliefs, which usually results in compromise with sin. The moral and religious confusion also can result in spiritually confused children. It is contrary to God's will to date and especially to marry one who is NOT a sincere Christian. Of course, this means that you should be a converted Christian before getting married.

7) Today, there is a growing number of same sex couples that are getting married. What does the Bible say about that? -Leviticus 20:13.

1 - "If a man also l__ with m__nk__nd, as he lieth with a wo__n, both of them have committed an ab__ in__tion."



***Note:** Satan has corrupted the marriage covenant by deceiving the nations that same-sex marriage is acceptable to God. This has brought all kinds of confusion into our society. The Bible says that homosexuality and same-sex marriage is an abomination to God.

8) What are some principles that will help you have a loving and happy marriage?

1 - Matthew 22:37-39 > "Thou shalt l__ve the L__d thy God with all thy heart." "Thou shalt l__ve thy n__ghbour as thys__lf." *-Keep Jesus first in the marriage and love your spouse as you love yourself. Don't let other people, material possessions or your job become more important than your spouse.*

2 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 > "Charity [love] s__ffereth l__g, and is k__nd; charity envieth not; charity v__nteth [boast]not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, s__keth not her own, is not e__ily pr__v__ked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." *-With the help of Christ, be PATIENT and KIND with your spouse. Don't boast, nor seek to belittle each other, but rather lift each other up. Do not be self seeking, but rather consider your spouses needs and wants before your own. Do NOT let little things provoke you to anger.*

3 - Ephesians 5:22, 25 > "W__ves, s__mit yourselves unto your own hus__nds, as unto the L__d." "H__bands, l__e your w__es, even as Christ also loved the ch__ch, and gave himself for it." *-Wives must strive to be submissive to their husbands and to let him lead the family. Husbands must strive to be loving and not bitter towards their wife.*

9) What does God expect parents to teach their children? What will God give our children when we walk in integrity? -Proverbs 22:6; 20:7.

1 - God expects parents to "Train a child in the way he should go."

2 - If parents walk in "integrity", "his children will be blessed after him."



***Note:** The responsibility to train the children in the way of the Lord does NOT fall upon the grand parents, the school, or even the church. Though, all these can help, the majority of the responsibility falls on the parents. This training includes Bible teaching, encouraging, disciplining and showing your children the right way by being a living example of what you teach. If parents are NOT an example of what they teach, they lose the respect of their children and will NOT have the blessing of the Lord in their parenting.

***Note:** Many parents are too busy to spend time in teaching their children about Jesus because they are preoccupied with.....



...their jobs,



...their education,



...their hobbies,



...and entertainment!

10) Today, Satan is especially using media and entertainment to corrupt the minds of children. What does the Bible say about the things we should allow into our minds and the minds of our children? -Philippians 4:8, Psalms 101:3

1 - God only wants us to put things into our minds that are "honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely,of good report."

2 - Parents should "set no wicked thing before" the "eyes" of their children.

***Note:** Hollywood and the music industry promote drugs, violence, witchcraft, sexual immorality and many other sins. Guard the minds of your children from these things or Satan will take control over them!

11) In a time when many parents indulge their children and let them have their sinful ways, what does the Bible say that parents must do when their children are disobedient? -Proverbs 19:18; 23:13, 14.

1 - Parents must "chasten [correct, punish, reform] while there is hope let not thy soul sorrow for his cursing."

2 - "Withhold not correction from a child."

Appeal) Will you commit to follow the instructions in the Bible on how to have a happy, heaven bound, family? _____.

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