



Student Workbook
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Introduction

What is a scriptural home? This is a challenging question. In our modern technological society we are bombarded with information on how to get along with our spouses, how to raise our children, how to run a household. Radio, television, magazines and newspapers present interviews with psychologists, psychiatrists and other experts who give us advice on how to live our lives more effectively.

Very few, however, look at this information in light of God's Word. This is the purpose of the new Scriptural Home Seminar - to emphasize and utilize scriptural principles as its basis while blending them with contemporary psychology.

In the new Scriptural Home Seminar you will discover what God's Word, the Bible, says about:

- The Husband's Role
- The Wife's Role
- Communication
- Parent-child Relationships
- The Foundation of a Scriptural Home
- Effectively Dealing with Conflicts

The Scriptural Home Seminar contains twelve messages on six audios, a downloadable workbook and Leader's Guide. The student workbook contains:

- Outlines of the Messages
- Excerpts from Outstanding Articles
- Questions for Discussion
- A Bibliography

The Scriptural Home Seminar offers you an opportunity to share the Christian life with your neighbors or it can be used in your church. The Leader's Guide provides an overview of the course and some helpful suggestions on how to hold a Seminar in your neighborhood. The first message contains the plan of salvation.

This Seminar is the result of numerous seminars held in the U.S. and overseas in both homes and churches. The speaker and author, George Sanchez, has spent many years in counseling and keeps up-to-date on the contemporary developments in this field. While on staff with The Navigators, George Sanchez served as International Assistant to the President. He has presented seminars throughout the world emphasizing biblical principles regarding the family, communication, and interpersonal relationships. A veteran missionary, he served as the first full-time Navigator representative in Latin America.

This material comes to you very prayerfully and carefully prepared. It is my sincere wish that the Lord Jesus Christ be honored in the use of the new Scriptural Home Seminar. Another hope and prayer is that homes and families will be strengthened as interpersonal relationships are re-established and strengthened by the application of scriptural principles. May He bless you in your home and family relationships as you study this material and use you as you seek to minister to others in this way. If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

It is a privilege to co-labor with you. "May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5,6).

Sincerely in Christ,



Scriptural Home Seminar

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Session 1 - The Foundation

Isaiah 61:1, John 1:12, Luke 9:23

I. God of plan and purpose

Isaiah 14:27

Numbers 23:19

A. Delightful or devastating - depends on relationship

1. Positive

I John 3:1

Galatians 4:7

2. Negative

John 3:36

B. His plan is personal

Psalm 138:8

Lamentations 3:37

C. Based on His character

Jeremiah 29:11

KEY: Jeremiah 29:13

II. Jesus Christ – Savior / Lord

A. Personal relationship - not traditional acquiescence

1. His purposes - Isaiah 61:1

2. Recognize/admit need - Jeremiah 17:9

3. Recognize Christ as only solution to need - Acts 4:12

4. Commit life to Christ for His use/glory

Admit Believe Commit

John 1:12

B. Willing submission to His authority - Luke 9:23-25

1. Give up rights to myself - seek His will

Acts 22:10

2. Continual/daily identification

Personal testimony

John 4:39-42

3. Follow Him - ultimate control/choice

"You lack one thing" Mark 10:17-22

C. Foundation for effective home

1. Mutual submission - Ephesians 5:21

2. Mutual willingness for Lord to build - Psalm 127:1

III. Word of God as final authority

A. Age of Relativism - compared to what?

1. Sociologists/psychologists - many voices

2. Statement of Jesus - Matthew 22:29

B. Principles for home/family - Ephesians 5,6

C. Authoritative for all areas of need - II Timothy 3:16

D. Final authority in resolving conflicts

**Accepting that Jesus is Savior and Lord and that the Word is the final authority is necessary in order for the principles of this Seminar to be effective.*

Family Quiz

Test Yourself

Paul Popenoe, of Altadena, California, grand old founder of The American Institute of Family Relations and a pioneer in the field of marriage counseling, has written in his long and illustrious career 18 books and thousands of papers on the subject of marriage.

Of all his writings, however, two of the most popular are quizzes entitled, "Are You the Perfect Husband?" and "Are You the Perfect Wife?"

PARADE herewith reprints both with a scorecard for wives and a scorecard for husbands. Rules for scoring: At the end of each of the following ten questions you will find a set of five scoring figures (0 1 2 3 4). Check the figure which represents your answer to each question, on this basis:

- 0 means "never," "not at all"
- 1 means "somewhat," "sometimes," "rarely," "a little"
- 2 means "about as often as not," "an average amount"
- 3 means "usually," "a good deal," "frequently"
- 4 means "regularly," "practically always," "entirely"

A Scorecard for Husbands:

1. Do you allow your wife an appropriate amount of the family income, to spend as she chooses, without an accounting? *0 1 2 3 4*
2. Do you still "court" her with an occasional gift of flowers, by remembrance of birthdays and anniversaries, by unexpected attentions? *0 1 2 3 4*
3. Are you cooperative in handling the children, taking your full share of responsibility and also backing her up? *0 1 2 3 4*
4. Do you make it a point never to criticize her before others? *0 1 2 3 4*
5. Do you share at least half your recreation hours with her? *0 1 2 3 4*
6. Do you show interest in and respect for her intellectual life? *0 1 2 3 4*
7. Do you show as much consideration and courtesy to her relatives as you do to your own? *0 1 2 3 4*
8. Do you enter sympathetically into her plans for social activities, trying to do your full share as a host in your own home, and, when a guest in the homes of others, trying to make her appear to the best possible advantage? *0 1 2 3 4*
9. Do you make an effort to understand the peculiarities of feminine psychology and to help her through her varying moods? *0 1 2 3 4*
10. Do you tell her at least once a day that you love her, and act as if you meant it? *0 1 2 3 4*

A Scorecard for Wives:

1. Do you try to make the home interesting, attractive, cheerful, a place of rest and relaxation - devoting as much thought and study to that as you would to a job "downtown?" **0 1 2 3 4**
2. Do you encourage your husband to go out frequently with his men friends, though it means leaving you home alone? **0 1 2 3 4**
3. Do you serve meals that are enticing in variety and attractiveness? **0 1 2 3 4**
4. Do you handle household finances in a businesslike way? **0 1 2 3 4**
5. Do you keep yourself attractive (though not offensively so!) in appearance, in order that your husband may be proud to have everyone know you are his wife? **0 1 2 3 4**
6. Are you a "good sport," cheerful and uncomplaining, punctual, not nagging, not insisting on having your own way or the last word, not making a fuss over trifles or requiring him to solve minor problems that you should handle alone? **0 1 2 3 4**
7. Do you bolster your husband's ego, not comparing him unfavorably with more successful men, but making him feel that he is the most successful man you ever met? **0 1 2 3 4**
8. Do you prevent your mother and other relatives from intruding unduly, and show courtesy and consideration to his own relatives? **0 1 2 3 4**
9. Do you take a sympathetic and intelligent interest in his business – yet leaving him a free hand, not offering advice, criticism of associates, etc., unless asked, and realizing that he must often give time to his business when you would rather have him give that time to you? **0 1 2 3 4**
10. Do you cultivate an interest in his friends and recreations, so you can make a satisfactory partner of his leisure hours? **0 1 2 3 4**

THE PERFECT SCORE, made by adding up your mark on each item, is 40. If you score less than 25, you should work hard for improvement.

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