

Family Life

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I. Introduction - perspective in life.

- A. We are to surrender ourselves and continue to unreservedly toward Jesus Christ.
- B. Then we are to surrender our burdens to Him. This will meet every circumstance of life. (Matthew 11)
- C. We are to remember our leaders, imitate their faith, and above all remember Jesus Christ.

II. Psalm 128.

A. Overview.

- 1. It involves a person's walk with God, his work, his family and his influence over an entire lifetime (the text for the message).
- 2. The Bible was not written to us, but it was written for us.

B. Marriage and the family.

1. Marriage should be seen as a positive thing—women are beautiful creatures, like a fruitful vine.

- a. Wives are looked down upon today.
- b. But the wife is the heart of the home.

2. Responsibilities of husband and wife.

- a. Husbands are to love their wives and not be harsh with them. Doing otherwise is taking the heart out of one's home.
- b. Wives are to submit to their husbands.
- c. God made husband and wife different and equal. The differences are not to be seen as conflicts. (Genesis 1)
- d. God made husband and wife a permanent intimate partnership. (Genesis 1)

1) Sin marred the marriage relationship. (Genesis 3)

2) The woman would try to control the husband and the man would try to dominate the husband.

3) Paul answers this by telling both not to dominate, but for the wife to submit and the husband to love. (Colossians 3)

- e. A husband's job is not to get his wife to submit.
- f. A wife's job is not to get her husband to love her. This is an impossible task anyway.
- g. Love is a choice that freely accepts another and seeks his or her good.

3. How we are to accomplish a fruitful family. (1 Peter 3)

a. Husbands are to love their wives according to understanding so that their prayers are not hindered.

- 1) A husband cannot fully understand his wives.
- 2) Therefore he is to live considerately.

b. Husbands and wives ought to pray together.

c. Parents are to nurture their children. (Ephesians 6:4, 1 Samuel 2:12)

- 1) We need to teach in the circumstances of everyday life.
- 2) We need to be thankful for other voices in nurturing.
- 3) We must not fail by honoring our children above the Lord.
- 4) Children need to be restrained.

d. One ought to have a conscience that is void of offense towards the family.

e. One should spend quality time with his family.

III. Conclusion.

Application questions

1. Why do you think marriage is so commonly seen as negative in society? Explain.

2. What is the biblical answer to a negative view of marriage? How are the husband and wife supposed to relate according to the speaker?

3. What are some of the most important principles one should practice in child rearing? Explain.
