Life Changing Ministries International

Bible Study Syllabus

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***The Family*** Memory Verse: Acts 21:5

**OBJECTIVES:** To understand the purpose of the family and the roles that

each member of the family must walk in.

**INTRODUCTION:** God is a God of such intense love that it must be shared.

God thus created a “family” in the beginning to love and fellowship with. This

same concept is applied to the family on earth because we are now children of

love, born of God’s nature through Jesus Christ; God’s vision of love should be

exemplified in our earthly family. Each family member has a unique role, and

yet, a common purpose to complete toward the success of this vision.

**I. GOD’S PURPOSE FOR CREATING THE FAMILY =** [Motivated by love and

a desire for fellowship. After the fall in the garden, salvation restores this purpose

and subsequent relationships.]

**A. Salvation/deliverance** Gen. 6:5–22, Gen. 19:15–17, Acts 16:31

**B. Heavenly/earthly families** Eph. 3:15, Heb. 12:22–23, Acts 17:26, Gen. 1:26–29,

Matt. 22:30, Rev. 21, Rev. 22

**C. Fellowship** John 17:20–23, Gen. 3:8–9, 1 John 1:3

**D. Love** Rev. 4:11, Gal. 5:6, Gen. 2:18, John 17, Rev. 3:19, Heb. 12:5–11, 1 John 4:7–11

**E. Intimate relations** (with God, with spouse, with family): 1 Cor. 7:5,

Acts 21:5, Song of Sol. 5:10–16, 6:4–10, Prov. 5:15–19, Heb. 13:4,

John 17:3, Phil. 3:9–10

**II. ROLES OF THE GODLY MAN =** [Submissive to Christ & her] = [1 Cor. 11:3, 1 Pet. 5:5]

**A. Leave and cleave** Gen. 2:24, Prov. 18:22, Eph. 5:31, Matt. 19:5–6

**B. Lead/provide/guard** 1 Tim. 5:8, Josh. 24:15, Gen. 2:15–18, 1 Cor. 11:3, 14:34–35,

1 Tim. 3:4–5, 12

**C. Love her/know her** 1 Pet. 3:7, Eph. 5:25–33, Ruth 3:11, Col. 3:19, Judg. 4:8, 1 Sam. 1:5

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**D. Teach/discipline/priest/pray** Eph. 6:4, Job 1:5–7, Deut. 6:7, Prov. 22:6, 15, Prov. 13:24, 1 Kings 2:1–4, Col. 3:21, Acts 21:5, Gen. 49:1–28, Ps. 78:1–8

**III. ROLES OF THE GODLY WOMAN =** [Submissive to Christ & him] = [1 Cor. 11:3, 1 Pet. 5:5]

**A. Submissive/supportive wife** Col. 3:18, Gen. 3:16, 1 Pet. 3:1–6, Gen. 2:18, 1 Cor. 11:3–12, 14:34–35, Eph. 5:22–24, 33

**B. Virtuous** Ruth 3:11, Prov. 31:10–31, Esther 1:20, Titus 2:4–5, Prov.12:4

**C. Teach/discipline/pray** Deut. 6:7, Eph. 6:1–3, 1 John 5:16, Ps. 113:9, Prov. 22:15, 23:13–14, Prov. 13:24, 22:6, 29:15, 1 Sam. 1:9–11, Prov. 17:21, 19:18

**IV. ROLES OF GODLY CHILDREN =** [Submissive to Christ and parents] = [Deut. 27:16, 1 Pet. 5:5, Luke 2:51–52]

**A. Obey and honor both parents** Eph. 6:1–3, Col. 3:20, Prov. 1:8, 13:1, Exod. 20:12, Heb. 12:5–8

**B. Establish their “own” relationship with Christ** Prov. 20:11, Rom. 14:10–12, Heb. 9:27, Phil. 2:12, Acts 21:8–9

**C. Avoid selfish independence** Luke 15:11–32, 2 Kings 2:23–24, Deut. 21:18–21, Prov. 1:10–19, Acts 19:13–17

**V. FAMILY CHALLENGES =** [Challenges will come, but we can make it through the Lord]

[Prov. 10:12, Rom. 13:10, Prov. 24:16, 1 Pet. 4:8]

**A. Single parents/widows** 2 Kings 4, 1 Kings 17, 1 Tim. 5:3–16, Luke 4:25–26, Ruth 1, Ps. 68:5, Ps. 146:9, Prov. 15:25, Luke 2:36–37, 7:11–16, James 1:27

**B. Dysfunctional families that overcame** Luke 15:11–32, Gen. 37–Gen. 50

**C. Children are *never* illegitimate nor accidents** Ps. 127:3–5, Gen. 1:28, Matt. 18:3, Hosea, Ps. 139:14–16, Prov. 8:17, Jer. 1:5

**D. Challenges** Luke 12:51–53, Mic. 7:6, Matt. 10:34–36

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**VI. PRIORITIES =** [Keep Priorities: Don’t Sacrifice Relationships For Anything!]

[Gen. 2:15–24, 1 Cor. 14:40, 1 Cor. 11:3]

**A. Relationship with God** (first): Matt. 6:33, Deut. 5:7, Exod. 20:3, Ps.27:4, Deut. 6:5, Matt. 22:37

**B. Espousal relationship** (second): Eph. 5:25–33, 1 Pet. 3:1–7, Prov. 31:10–31, Matt. 22:39, Gen. 2:24, Matt. 19:5

**C. Parental relationship** (third): Eph. 6:1–2, Col. 3:20, Prov. 22:6, 23:13, 20:11, 15, Prov. 1, 2, Deut. 5:16

**D. Vocational relationship** (fourth) (God gave Work [garden] before Woman [Eve]. This establishes man with responsibilities.): Col. 3:22–4:1, Deut. 15, Eph. 6:5–8, 1 Tim. 6:1

**CONCLUSION** When God created man, He created them male and female;

He gave them distinct and separate characteristics. According to God’s divine

order, the husband is the head of the home and loves his wife as Christ loves

the church. Wives must submit to their own husbands as unto the Lord, parents

are to nurture and admonish their children in the Lord, and children are

to obey and honor their parents. In order for spiritual harmony and growth to

exist, this order must be followed.

**REVIEW**

• What are the roles for the Godly man?

• What are the roles for the Godly woman?

• What are the roles for the Godly children?

• What are God’s purposes for the family?

• Examine your family and seek to conform to God’s loving guidance.

**KEY TERMS**

Father – daddy – mother – mommy – sister – brother - family prayer - family praise

family fellowship - family meetings - family time – priorities

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