

Home

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Introduction

1. Text Genesis 2:18-25
2. This is the beginning of the first home, God established it
3. Home is used 51 times in the KJV
4. How would you define home?
 - a. 1885 The U.S. Supreme Court gave this description of the nature and importance of the family; “Certainly no legislation can be supposed more wholesome and necessary in the founding of a free, self-governing commonwealth... than that which seeks to establish it on the basis of the idea of the family, as consisting in and springing from the union for life of one man and one woman in the holy estate of matrimony; [the family is] the sure foundation of all that is stable and noble in our civilization.”
 - b. California State Join Task Force on the Changing Family refused to define a “family” as a father, mother, and children. “Instead they chose to define the functions of a family ‘to care for the emotional and physical needs of its own; provide them with love and security; shape their values and social skills and provide a haven from outside stress.
 - c. 1993 the Evangelical Lutheran Church redefined the family this way, “The loving, permanent commitment that we think is at the heart of marriage.’
 - d. The logical conclusion? To be a family, you don’t necessarily have to have a ‘mom’ or ‘dad’ or ‘kids’ and therefore the family can be any combination of the above: two ‘moms,’ two ‘dads,’ – whatever suits your fancy.
 - e. Genesis 2: 18-25; 1:28; Leviticus 18:9 (at home); Deuteronomy 24:5; Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Corinthians 7:39; Titus 2:5 help us define the home biblically.
 - f. Man is to leave father and mother and cleave to his wife this sets up the home.
5. What is the makeup of the home?

II Discussion

1. The husband is the head of the home. 1 Timothy 2:13; Ephesians 5:23; Titus 2:5
2. The wife is the queen of the home. Titus 2:3-5; 1 Peter 3:1-7
3. Love is in the home Ephesians 5:25,28; Colossians 3:19; Titus 2:5; 1 Corinthians 13:4-6
4. Training is done in the home. Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4; Luke 2:51
5. Companionship is in the home. Genesis 2:18
6. To avoid sin 1 Corinthians 7:2-6 [1 Corinthians 14:37]; Mark 7:20-23; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
7. Forgiveness is in the home. Matthew 6:14-15 Colossians 3:13; Matthew 18:22
 - a. How do we want God to forgive us?
 - b. How often do we want God to forgive us?
8. Kindness is in the home Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 7:12

III Conclusion

1. The home is one of the divine institutions
2. The home ought to start with both man and woman being a Christian
3. Are you?

Sources: Lessons on the home ETSOP 2001; Christ in the home, R. Taylor; Ready Reference by Paul Sain