

Christians' Responsibility to the Home

Titus 2:1-10

Introduction:

- A. Responsibility at home is part of “sound doctrine”. (v. 1, 4-6).
- B. Responsibility at home involves many areas of conduct - we shall notice only a few basic ones.

Discussion:

I. Christians Have a Responsibility to Be *Morally Upright* in the Home.

- A. Sexual promiscuity and perversion rampant in society - must not be so with us. (cf. Eph. 5:3)
- B. Bible is plain on marriage and sexual morality.
 - 1. Either marriage, celibacy or immorality. (Heb. 13:5; 1 Cor. 7:1-2)
 - 2. “Own” spouse. (1 Cor. 1:2) - Possible to be married to another’s spouse, but unlawful. (Mk. 6:17-18).
 - 3. God’s law is that adultery results if marry another while spouse is living - with only one exception. (Rom. 7:1-3)
- C. Bible is also plain on perversions of sex and marriage.
 - 1. Homosexuality in or out of marriage. (Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:10,11).
 - 2. “Living Together; premarital; extra-marital” all-fornication (Gal. 5:6; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).
 - 3. Immoral marriages. (Matt. 19:9; 5:32).

II. Christians Have a Responsibility to *Keep the Lord at the Center* of the Home.

- A. The Lord is strong motivation for behavior at home. (Eph. 5; Col. 3; 1 Pet. 3:7).
- B. The Lord replaced in homes of many professed Christians by:
 - a. Agnostic “experts” in family matters: Educators, counselors, etc.
 - b. Spiritually weak brethren:
 - (1) Too young or inexperienced to know Bible principles. (fads).
 - (2) Too carnally minded to care about Bible answers.
 - (3) Too naive to see spiritual dangers.
 - (4) Why not look to Bible first? Then mature and experienced Christians? (cf. Tit. 2).

III. Christians Have a Responsibility to Fill Their *God-Given Places* in the Home.

- A. Husbands: Head (Eph. 5:25); primary provider. (1 Tim. 5:8).
- B. Wife: Subject to head (Eph. 5:24); primary homemaker. (Tit. 2:4,5; 1 Tim. 5:14)
- C. Parents rule children (1 Tim. 3:4; 3:12; 5:14).
- D. Children obey. (Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20).
- E. Those in authority exercise it in fear of Christ. Those under authority submit in fear of Christ.

IV. Christians Have a Responsibility to *Love with All Their Heart* in the Home.

- A. Bible love involves all the heart - Intellect, will, and emotions.
 - 1. It can be commanded and taught - thus, intellect and will involved.
 - 2. It is active good will toward another.
- B. Husbands and wives can learn to love each other. (Eph. 5:25; Tit. 2:4).
- C. Children can learn to love and honor their parents. (Eph. 6:2,3).
- D. Parents can learn to love their children. (Tit. 2:4).
 - 1. Enough to teach respect for authority - will need it after leave home.
 - 2. Enough to train them “in the Lord” - word and deed. Not just enough to stay out of trouble.
 - 3. Enough to discipline. (Spank nor Spock). (Heb. 12:5-11- v.6 scourge is to whip - painful v. 11)
 - 4. Enough to protect them from themselves. (Prov. 22:15).

Conclusion:

- A. May be time to burn many “how to books” and get the Book.
- B. May be time to dismiss our “seminars” and convene home training.
- C. May be time to turn to best “experts” - mothers and fathers of Israel with knowledge and experience.