

The Effect of Home Life on Spiritual Life

1 Pet. 3:1-7

Introduction:

- A. Home life influences all aspects of life: nation, community, school, church.
- B. Home life has tremendous impact in three areas of our spiritual life.

Discussion:

I. Our Home Life Affects *Our Personal Relationship With God*.

- A. It can affect our prayers. (1 Pet. 3:7)
- B. It can affect our loyalty to God. (cf. Neh. 13:25,26).
- C. It involves obedience to God.
 - 1. God commands love in the home (Eph. 5:25; Tit. 2:4).
 - 2. God commands obedience in the home. (Eph. 5:22,23; 1 Pet. 3:5-6; Eph. 6:1-2).
 - 3. God forbids overbearing authority in the home. (Eph. 5:28,29; 6:4; 1 Pet. 3:7).

II. Our Home Life Affects the *Effectiveness of the Church*.

- A. Home life and effective spiritual leadership.
 - 1. Home life of Moses. (Ex. 2:5-11).
 - 2. Home life of Jesus. (Luke 2:51,52).
 - 3. Home life of Timothy. (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15).
 - 4. Home life of elders and deacons. (1 Tim 3:1-12).
- B. Home life and effective church worship and work.
 - 1. Decency and orderliness needed in worship (cf. 1 Cor. 14:40) – taught at home.
 - 2. Industry and responsibility need in work (cf. Eph. 4:16) – taught at home.

III. Our Home Life Affects *The Spread Of The Gospel*.

- A. A faithful family member's good influence on non-Christian or unfaithful. (1 Pet. 3:1-2).
 - 1. Deeds and disposition of faithful observed by others.
 - 2. Words are more effective if from a faithful one.
- B. A Husband and wife *team* can use home for evangelism. (cf. Acts 18:26).
- C. A Stable family observed by community -- perhaps as much or more than church.

Conclusion:

- A. Seek to preserve a good home -- for own sake -- for gospel's sake.
- B. Seek to be a good family members -- obey gospel -- live gospel.