

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) The marriage relationship is meant to be the most intimate of all human relationships.
 - i) The word “intimate” comes from the Latin word meaning “inmost.”
- b) It is important to understand foundational truths of God’s intentions for the family.
- c) 1 Peter 3:1-7
 - i) God uses Abraham and Sarah in this passage as an illustration for the family.
 - (1) Abraham and Sarah did not have an easy time in their marriage and family.
 - (a) They were constantly on the move.
 - (b) They dealt with the consequences of infidelity between Abraham and Hagar.
 - (c) They had a blended family and had difficulties with their children.
 - (d) They had frustrated dreams.
 - (i) God promised Abraham certain outcomes, but it seemed as though time was running out and those promises would go unfulfilled.
 - (2) Through all of the trials of youth, middle age and the sunset years of life, Abraham and Sarah stuck it out.
- d) There are principles that Abraham and Sarah learned that we can also learn that will give us a solid foundation for our homes.

2) GOD’S DESIGN FOR THE WIFE (1 Peter 3:1-2)

- a) 1 Peter 3:1-2 teaches that wives are to submit to their husbands.
 - i) The reason for this, very simply, is because God says there must be order in the home.
 - (1) For there to be order in the home rather than chaos, there must be a head.
 - (a) Anything without a head is dead, and anything with two heads is a freak.
 - (2) This is true, not only in the home, but in the church and in any organization.
 - ii) The Bible makes it very plain that the husband is the head of the wife.
- b) The Bible does not teach that women are inferior.
 - i) 1 Corinthians 11:3
 - (1) God the Father is the head of God the Son.
 - (2) God the Son is not inferior to God the Father.
 - ii) There is a divine order:
 - (1) God the Father - God the Son - the man - the woman.
 - (2) This order does not preclude equality.
 - (a) A woman is equal with a man.
 - iii) Galatians 3:28

- (1) In Jesus Christ, we are all one.
 - c) The devil today is trying to obliterate the differences between male and female.
 - i) It is the devil's attempt to make men and women alike under the guise of making them equal.
 - ii) Men and women are equal, but they are not alike.
 - (1) God made us different that He might make us one.
 - d) The attitude of submission.
 - i) When the wife has this attitude of submission to her husband, it does not mean that she is inferior.
 - ii) When a husband is the head of the home, it does not mean that he is superior to his wife.
 - iii) As a matter of fact, she may be incredibly superior and more competent than him in certain areas.
 - iv) As the head of the home, the man may delegate authority; but he cannot delegate responsibility.
 - v) When God gives the man the responsibility of headship in the home, that is a responsibility that the husband can never give away though he may delegate authority.
 - e) The adornment of serenity.
 - i) 1 Peter 3:3-4
 - ii) In this passage, God tells a woman how to be beautiful.
 - (1) He is not saying that it is wrong to wear jewelry or fix her hair.
 - (2) He is simply saying to not dress in a manner that takes away from her character but, instead, enhances her character.
 - (3) Allow the inward serenity and beauty to be seen.
 - (a) The greatest beauty is inward beauty.
 - f) The affirmation of speech.
 - i) 1 Peter 3:6
 - (1) In this verse, the word "lord" is a term of respect, similar to how we might use the word "sir" today.
 - (2) Sarah spoke respectfully to her husband.
 - (a) A husband desires admiration from his wife.
 - g) The accommodation of service.
 - i) 1 Peter 3:5-6
 - ii) Sarah obeyed her husband.
 - (1) In this verse, "obey" means to pay close attention to his needs.
 - (2) A woman ought to ask herself, "What can I do to be a helpmeet to my husband, to meet his needs physically, emotionally and spiritually in every way?"
- 3) GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE MAN (1 Peter 3:7)
- a) God requires far more of the man than He does the woman.
 - b) The man is to be the provider in the home.

- i) Genesis 2:15
 - ii) It is the man's responsibility to bring in the basic necessities to the home: food, clothing, transportation, etc.
 - (1) If the man does not assume that basic responsibility, then there will be a loss of respect.
 - iii) The husband is to also give honor to his wife and meet her emotional needs.
 - (1) There are seven basic emotional needs of a wife:
 - (a) She needs the stability and direction of a spiritual leader.
 - (b) She needs to know that she and she alone is meeting the basic needs of her husband that no other woman can meet.
 - (c) She needs to see and learn that her husband delights in her; that he cherishes her as a person.
 - (d) She needs to know that her husband enjoys setting aside quality time for intimate conversation with her.
 - (e) She needs to know that it is the goal of her husband's life to protect her in areas of her limitations.
 - (f) She needs to know that her husband is aware of her presence even when he is doing other things; she is not ignored.
 - (g) She needs to know that the goal of her husband's life is to invest in her life to help her expand and fulfill her world.
 - c) The husband is the protector.
 - i) Genesis 2:15
 - (1) Adam was told not only to dress the garden but to keep it.
 - (a) The word "keep" means "to guard."
 - (b) The husband is to shield, guard and defend his family.
 - d) The husband is the pastor of the home.
 - i) 1 Peter 3:7
 - ii) "That your prayers be not hindered."
 - (1) This passage may be referring to the husband and wife together, but most certainly, it is speaking about the prayer of the man of God.
 - iii) The husband's assignment from God is to love his wife as Christ loves the church.
 - (1) Ephesians 5:25-27
 - (a) The word "spot" in this passage refers to defilement.
 - (i) The husband is to keep his wife from defilement.
 - (b) The word "wrinkle" in this passage refers to an inward scar.
 - (i) Women have such tension in their lives because their husbands do not love them as they should.
 - (2) The husband is to make his wife a more radiantly, beautiful Christian.
 - (3) Joshua 24:15
- 4) CONCLUSION
- a) In order to have a godly home, we must read and follow God's directions.

- b) If you want God in your home, then you must have God in your heart.
- c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16