

God's Blueprint for the Home

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[0 : 00] The Bible gives us a blueprint for the home. A blueprint for the Christian home. The maker of the family has a plan for us of how the family can work best.

! The framework of a Christian home.

Some important guidelines for a healthy marriage, relationship and family living. God has the perfect plan. God has designed the family. God cares about families.

Let's learn about how the family can operate in a Biblical way. How can I become a better spouse? What does God expect of me in my marriage, in my family? Am I going God's way?

Let's see how has God designed the family to operate. Colossians 3, verse 18-21 it says, Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as it is fit in the Lord.

[1 : 11] Husbands, love your wives and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. First he addresses the husbands and wives. Marriage is a lifelong commitment, a covenant.

Family is important. And yet, do we really show it? How is your family? Someone said, I put a mirror on my TV set. I wanted to see what my family looked like.

Now there's a sense where there's a lot of lack in the home in terms of that relationship building. Someone has said, don't brag about your ancestors. Give your descendants something to brag about.

Now let's look at ourselves. Let's look at some principles of how a family will best work according to its designers. Verse 18 says, Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as it is fit in the Lord.

[2 : 19] This doesn't mean women have a lower status or men are to be dictators or men should always get their own way. It means voluntary submission. A willing, joyful submission to the leadership of their husband.

A recognition of authority. It involves a commitment, a concern, a learning from him, helping him, working with him, a reverence of him. It's a military term.

It's phrased as a command. It's described as a lining up of soldiers under the commanding officer. There are different ranks and the home is meant to have an order and a harmony to it.

The wife has a responsibility to follow the lead of the husband. The wife is not to be selfish but to take her place as a support and a help meet for her husband.

It says it is fitting in the Lord. It's the right and proper thing. Verse 19, husbands. Husbands are spoken to here. Husbands, love your wives and be not bitter against them.

[3 : 21] The love spoken of here is love that is selfless. Serving, giving, love, love without thought of return. It could be put keep on continuously, supernaturally, sacrificially loving.

Someone has put this together. Tell her so. Tell her so. Amid the cares of married life, in spite of toil and business strife, If you value your sweet wife.

Tell her so. There was a time you thought it bliss, To get the favour of a kiss. A dozen now won't come amiss. Tell her so. Do not act as if she has passed her prime, As though to please her was a crime.

If e'er you loved her now is the time. Tell her so. Never let her heart grow cold. Richer beauties will unfold. She is worth her weight in gold.

Tell her so. Although the husband is the head, He should not tread underfoot his wife. Eve was taken from Adam's side to symbolise her place by his side.

[4 : 30] Eve was not to rule, but to be a helper and companion. Husbands must love their wives. Each is to compliment the other. Also, husbands are not to be harsh or selfish.

Paul says, be not bitter against them. Instead of being bitter, be forgiving. In verse 20 it addresses the children now. Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

