

# **“Household of Faith”**

## **Biblical Principles for Family Life**

### **I. What is the family and why is it important?**

- A. The answer to this question is important because many today are \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of the family or they have erroneous ideas about what the family is and the role it should play in our society in general or in the lives of people in particular.
- B. The answer to this question is important because ideas have \_\_\_\_\_. i.e. U.N.’s “Year of the Family” 1994
- C. The answer to this question is important because destroying the biblical family is one of \_\_\_\_\_ primary objectives.
  1. Scripture tells us that Believers are involved in a war:  
2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Timothy 1:18; 6:12; 2 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 Peter 2:11.
  2. Scripture makes it clear that our real enemy is Satan and his \_\_\_\_\_ forces: 2 Corinthians 11:3, 14, 15; Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Peter 5:8.
  3. Satan and his demonic forces are opposed to God and all that God stands for and all that God wants. Satan and his forces are adversaries and enemies of God.
    - a. Nowhere is this battle more intense in our day than in the area of marriage and family.
    - b. The ideological and structural changes in marriage and family over the last 50 years have been catastrophic. More changes

have taken place in the last 50 years than had taken place in the 1000's years previously!

- c. Don't play into the enemy's hand by not standing firm on the Truth of the biblical family. (John 17:17)

D. Satan has declared war on the family and is focusing much of his attention there because he knows how important the family is. He knows:

1. That the family is the basic \_\_\_\_\_ of every other social unit and institution.
2. That the command to \_\_\_\_\_, replenish, fill and subdue the earth was given to a family unit.
3. That the family is unique and \_\_\_\_\_ in God's program. Marriage reflects the plurality and unity of the Triune Godhead of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Man and woman are complementary in their gender distinctiveness because they were "made in the image of God" and reflect the unity and diversity of the Trinity.
4. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because God starts His \_\_\_\_\_ to man with extended teaching about marriage and the family.
5. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because everything else \_\_\_\_\_ out of the family and is dependent on it.
6. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because \_\_\_\_\_ and deficiencies in our families will

produce distortions and deficiencies in every other human institution.

7. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because God uses the family as a means of reflecting the \_\_\_\_\_ attributes of His nature (Psalm 94:8-11).
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ - Genesis 1:26
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 1:26** – “Let us (plural) make man (singular) in our (plural) image (singular) according to our (plural) likeness (singular) and let them (plural) rule.”

God in relationship creates man in relationship with gender distinctiveness. Gender was created by God to complement each other. God brings two together as one (Genesis 2:24), but maintains two distinct genders, because male and female are made “in His image.” There is a singularity and plurality to God, and there is God's image in the plurality of sexuality in male and female with their unity in marriage.

**To understand the nature and purpose of any human relationship, we begin with a study of the relationship within the**

**Triune God.** How Father, Son, and Spirit interact with each other is how we are to interact with each other.

8. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because God uses the family as a means of reflecting the nature of His \_\_\_\_\_ with people.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Ephesians 5:22-33; Revelation 19:9
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Deuteronomy 32:6-18; John 1:12; Romans 8:12-17; 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 1 John 3:16
9. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because of the Bible's teachings about the \_\_\_\_\_ impact that an ungodly family member can have on other family members.
  - a. Exodus 20:5
  - b. Joshua 7
  - c. Proverbs 21:9, 19
  - d. Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21
  - e. Proverbs 14:1b; 12:4b
10. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because of the Bible's teaching about the important \_\_\_\_\_ that the family is to fulfill in the lives of its members.  
Genesis 2:18 (Proverbs 31:10-31); Psalm 112; 127; 128; Proverbs 14:26-27; Ephesians 5:25-27.
11. That the family is of utmost importance to God's program because of the important \_\_\_\_\_ that family life is given among requirements for church leadership. 1 Timothy 3:1-8; 5:10.