

NEEDS IN THE HOME TODAY.

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INTRO.:

A. Text: Ephesians 5:22-33.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Besides the church, there is no institution this side of heaven as important as the home.
2. The home and marriage are to be undefiled. (**Hebrews 13:4** "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled...")
3. **Genesis 2:18-24** gives an account of the ordination of the home.
 - 1) Just as from the beginning, the home is under assault from Satan.
 - 2) His great joy is to see God's creation destroyed.
 - 3) In **Genesis 3**, Satan disrupted God's creation. Satan still seeks to destroy homes.

C. The home today is being attacked. (Many things are destroying our homes today. Over 50% of homes end in divorce. (Many are not happy in the marriage.)

1. If homes are to survive and be as God desires, there are certain things that must be in the home.
2. Success is not a hit or miss situation. It takes effort.

DISCUSSION: THE HOME TODAY NEEDS...

I. THE UNDERSTANDING OF PERMANENCY.

A. Marriage is a very serious event in the lives of mankind.

B. It must be entered into with the idea of it lasting "till death do we part."

1. **Matthew 19:3-6** (God's plan for the home).
 - 1) This plan still stands today.
 - 2) Sorrow and heartache have followed all who violate this rule.
2. **This has always been God's way. (Malachi 2:15-16** "let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away...")

C. There is one exception in the "putting away." (Matthew 19:9 "EXCEPT")!

II. THE RESTORATION OF GENUINE BIBLICAL LOVE.

A. In buildings, sand/gravel are used as foundation materials. But without cement the sand/gravel is useless. Cement is the bonding agent, it holds things together.

1. In homes, LOVE is the cement that holds the family together.
 - 1) It holds together every relationship.
 - 2) **Ephesians 5** repeatedly instructs husbands to love their wives. ("Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." **5:25**)
 - 3) **Titus 2:4** gives emphasis to the wife loving her husband.

B. Love is a word which is very often misused. (Children LOVE candy; women LOVE flowers; men LOVE pies & cakes. --- Thus, stripped of its real meaning.)

1. NOTE: Love is the element that promotes what is best for the home (**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**).

C. A great need today is for BIBLICAL LOVE to be restored to the home.

D. Biblical LOVE will hold the family together during hard times!

III. NEED TO RESTORE HAPPINESS IN THE HOME.

A. One of the fundamental purposes.

1. Happiness is important. First 12 months are critical.
 - 1) Two streams have been flowing side by side in courtship. At marriage they merge into one. There is a time of adjustment.
 - 2) Early on there is a need for consideration from both parties. (Happiness is to be the product of the home!)
 - 3) **Proverbs 5:18** "Let thy fountain be blessed and rejoice with the wife of thy youth."
2. There is to be an adjustment period.
 - 1) **Remember TWO are now ONE** (**Matthew 19:5** "they twain shall be one flesh.")
 - 2) **Expect to grow together** (**Proverbs 17:1** "Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife.")
 - 3) **Do not lose time together trying to have too many material things!**

B. Happiness is essential for godly homes.

IV. GOD AT THE CENTER OF ALL THINGS.

A. God has always had a law for man (**Genesis 2:16-17**).

B. When God is the center piece of the home, things will be better.

C. God's law for the home:

1. **Husbands are to be the head of the home.** (**Ephesians 5:23** "For the husband is the head of the wife...")
2. **Wives to be in submission to her husband.** (**Ephesians 5:22; 1 Pet. 3:1** "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands...")
3. **Parents are to train the children** (**Ephesians 6:4; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15**).
4. **Children obey your parents** (**Ephesians 6:1-3**).

D. When God is at the center there will be:

1. **Family Bible studies** (**Deuteronomy 6:7** "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.")
2. **Respect for worship** (**Hebrews 10:25**).
3. **Homes are pleasing to God when His word is followed** (**Genesis 6:8** Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord; --- **Hebrews 11:7** "...prepared an ark to the saving of his house.")

V. CONCLUSION:

- A. The home today needs some special attention, some special love and care.
- B. When we use inferior material in building our homes we are robbing our families of a godly home.
- C. Use what God has given, and we will have a wonderful home in which to live.