

## A Summary Sheet on Building a God-Fearing Family

1. Depend on God. (Summary advice)
  - a. Pray and study (Pro. 24:3-5).
  - b. Know and practice the essentials. (See point 2.)
  - c. Set goals and objectives quarterly (Pro. 14:1).
  - d. Know ahead of time what you're going to do when rules are broken - know how and when you're going to spank - and communicate perpetually (Heb.12:5-8; Eph. 6:4).
  - e. Seek counsel. Read Under Loving- Command, The Mother at Home, Shepherding a Child's Heart; and, this booklet. Ask pastor to preach on. Ask elder woman, and wise families.
2. The essentials (Col. 3:18-21).
  - a. Husbands love: have affection for as a deliberate choice.
    - 1) The man's leadership role is to determine God's will for his family - not his own will.
    - 2) Develop a good understanding of emotional and physical elements, companionship and romance.
  - b. Wives submit: set in array under, adopt, choose his will over yours.
  - c. Children obey: listen attentively, hearken submissively; five elements: immediate, first time, complete, happy, unquestioning.
  - d. Parents provoke not: irritate beyond measure.
    - 1) Bring up in nurture and admonition of the LORD.
    - 2) Discipline: I wills; teaching: ten essentials.
3. Key texts: Gen. 2:21-24; Dt. 6:1-25; Ruth; Ps. 78; Ps. 101; 127; 128; 144; Pro.; Pro. 5:15-19; Song of Sol.; I Cor. 7; II Cor. 12:14; Eph. 5:21-6:4; Col. 3:18-21; I Tim. 5:1-16; Heb. 12:5-11 ; I Pt. 3:1-7.
4. Purpose of family:
  - a. Provide platform for accomplishing the four essentials (Col. 3:18-21).
  - b. Provide companionship (human fulfillment and pleasure) (Gen. 2:18-24; Ec. 4:9-12).
  - c. Bear children, replenish the earth (have dominion, further the kingdom of God) (Gen. 1:26-28).
  - d. Teach and train children (Dt. 6:4-7; Ps. 78:1-8; Pro. 22:6; Pro. 23:13-14).
  - e. Require commitment (give roots) (Mt. 5:32; 19:3-9 (v.8)).
  - f. Provide haven of beauty, to refresh, relax, rest (Pro. 5:15; 15:17;

21:21; I Ki. 13:7; II Sam. 7:1).

- g. Worship God (bring pleasure to) (Gen. 1:26; Rev. 4:11).
- h. Portray relationship of Christ and church (Is. 62:4; Eph. 5:22-32; Rev. 22:17).
- i. Be fountainhead of blessing to your world and of service to God and man (Pro. 5:15-16).

5. Essentials of child rearing.

- a. Depend on God – prayer (Ps. 127:1).
- b. Spend time with them (Gen. 18:19; Dt. 6).
- c. Spank and communicate (“shepherd the heart,” Lk. 6:45).
- d. Practice essentials of home, spanking, obedience.
- e. Teach – train man’s purpose: (I Cor. 10:31; Rev. 4:11) (unifying principle is the “in-Christ” principle).
- f. Choose friends carefully and beware media (Pro. 13:20).
- g. Exercise authority as steward, agent of God.
- h. Specific teaching/training.
  - 1) Proverbs (list).
  - 2) First four goals (mine).
  - 3) Verses (list).
  - 4) Four essentials of home.
  - 5) Separation, loyalty, purity, love.
  - 6) Salvation, doctrines.
  - 7) (Train) ten I wills.
  - 8) Essentials of knowledge.
  - 9) Knowledge and skills (list).
  - 10) Dad’s other principles.
- i. Strategy.
  - 1) Be what I ought to be.
  - 2) Spend time with (piano, PACEs).
  - 3) Pray.
  - 4) Spank/rebuke. Perhaps this should be first because it is (1) so clearly taught and (2) so rarely practiced.
  - 5) Praise, approve, express affection.
  - 6) Spend > two hours per week with wife.
  - 7) Spend one hour per week with each child.
  - 8) Review every three months.
  - 9) Care: empathize (always) and sympathize (sometimes), sincerely want the best for them.
  - 10) Actively teach them: family Bible time.

