The Family

Intro. The home is the foundation of any nation of our world in any time. But our homes are being torn asunder in our land today. Homosexuality has become prevalent in our states and now homosexual marriages. Divorce has become more prevalent than marriages and now living together without the benefit of marriage.

I. The Bible Teaches Marriage Is Permanent.

A. Mat. 5:31-32 “31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: 32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.”

B. Mat. 19:3-9 “3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? 4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? 8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”

C. Mark 10:2-12 “2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. 3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? 4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. 5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. 6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; 8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. 9 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. 10 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. 11 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.”

D. 1 Cor. 7:10-11 “10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: 11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.”

II. Husband, Wife Attitudes.

A. The Wife.

1. The wife is to be in subjection to her husband.
   a. She is to obey.
   b. 1 Pet. 3:1 “Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;”
   c. Eph. 5:22 “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.”

2. The wife is to be chaste.
   a. This means she is to be pure.
   b. Not worried about the outward clothing.
   c. 1 Pet. 3:2-4 “While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;”

3. Let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the...
ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.” cf. 1 Tim. 2:9-10 “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”

3. She is to desire motherhood and parenting.
   a. Gen. 3:16 “16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”
   b. 1 Tim. 2:15 “15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.”
   c. 1 Tim. 5:14 “14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.”
   d. God created woman to enable her to bear children.
   e. She is called woman; that is a man with a womb.
   f. She should avoid desiring a career and climbing the social ladder in preference to motherhood.

4. She is to be domestically oriented.
   a. Tit. 2:5 “5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”
   b. Pro. 31:27 “27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.”
   c. 1 Tim. 5:14 “14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.”
   d. Wives should keep the home clean and tidy.

B. The Husband.

1. He is to love his wife.
   a. He is to respect and honor her.
   b. He is to love her.
      (1) As Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.
      (2) As his own body.
   c. 1 Pet. 3:7 “7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”
   d. Eph. 5:25, 28-29 “25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:”
   e. The man being the head is the one who is to make decisions.
      (1) Gen. 3:16 “16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”
      (2) 1 Cor. 11:3 “3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.”
      (3) 1 Tim. 2:11-12 “11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.”
      (4) Eph. 5:22-24 “22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is
2. He is to provide for his family.
   a. 1 Tim. 5:8 “8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”
   b. We are not to squander the money we make.

III. PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

A. Children are to honor parents.
   1. Eph. 6:2 “2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;”
   2. In the Old Testament if they did not honor their parents they were put to death.
   3. Exo. 21:17 “17 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.”
   4. Mat. 15:4 “4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.”

B. Children are to obey their parents;
   1. Eph. 6:1-2 “1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;”
   2. Col. 3:20 “20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.”

C. Parents are to teach their children.
   1. Eph. 6:4 “4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”
   2. Pro. 22:6 “6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
   3. Pro. 13:24 “24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.”

Conclusion: As we live and abide by these principles, we will have successful and prosperous families and homes.