

THE HOME AS GOD WOULD
HAVE IT
PART III

INTRO:

1. NOTE... ..Last week we studied the relationship of marriage. The husband is the ‘head’ (guardian, protector, manager, superintendent and one responsible for the direction of the family).

2. The wife is the “helper” (aid, suitable counterpart) **Gen. 2:18** The woman was made for the man. **1 Cor. 11:8-9**

- We studied Prov. 31:10-31 (the virtuous, or excellent wife)
 - a. Her faithfulness vs. 10-12
 - b. Her industrious manner vs. 13-16
 - c. Her ambitious skill vs. 16-19, 22-25

- d. Her charitable attitude. **Vs. 20**
- e. Her resourcefulness. **Vs. 21-22, 24, 27**
- f. Her wisdom and kindness. **Vs. 26**
- g. Her God fearing manner. **Vs. 30**
- h. Her praise worthiness. **Vs. 28, 30-31**

4. The wife's first obligation is her husband, her children and the home... **Titus 2:3-5**

a. Comment on women with secular work. What is the purpose? Is the family being neglected?

b. If there is sufficient cause for her to work out of the home, how may the husband and children help?

I. PROBLEMS THAT LEAD TO UNHAPPY FAMILIES

A.

1. Lack of communication #1 problem.

Eph. 4:24-5:2; Amos 3:3; Jas. 5:16

COMMENT

2. Financial instability #2 problem.

Eph.4:28 1 Tim. 5:8 **COMMENT**

3. Incompatibility #3 problem. **Gen. 2:18**

COMMENT

4. Problems with marital relations #4 problem. **1 Cor. 7:1-5; Prov. 5:15-21**

COMMENT

5. In-Law interference #5 problem. **Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-5** **COMMENT**

- A. Other problems that lead to failure in marriage.
 1. Lack of seriousness in getting married.
 2. Failure to resolve conflicts.
 3. A lack of a sense of obligation on one part or both.
 4. Lack of kindness. Eph. 4:32

5. Marriage for money, sex, prestige or
sprite.

6. Marriage to get away from an
unhappy home.

7. Low moral standards.

8. Fault finding and petty jealousy.

9. Ingratitude. Eph. 5:20-21

10. Immaturity (teens having children).

11. Divorce too easy. **COMMENT**

12. Not united “in Christ”- marry a
Christian!!!!

I. WHAT WE ARE AS INDIVIDUALS, WE BRING TO THE MARRIAGE... ..COMMENT

1. God has revealed his will for marriage when we both (husband and wife) follow this will and plan. Only then will we be truly happy. Anything less than this breeds unhappiness.

2. Marriages that follow God's plan can be a little bit of paradise left to bless both husband and wife.

3. Finally, here are some helpful pointers:

a. Have a happy disposition.

Remember we are supposed to be in this relationship for life. **Prov. 15:13, 17:22, 16:24**

b. Be sure the solution of differences is best for both parties. **Prov. 15:28-31**

c. Be filled with humility. **Prov. 15:33**

d. Forgive and forget. **Jas. 5:16; 1 Cor. 13:5; Eph. 4:32**

e. Never make demands or ultimatums.

f. TRY, TRY, TRY to get along.