

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017

What Makes A Home Christian?

(Psalms 127:1)

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Both the Old and New Testaments emphasize the value of a godly home. We who know Jesus as Savior and Lord use the expression “Christian home” to express our idea for family relationships. The Psalmist realized the absolute necessity for spiritual influence in every area of life. His emphasis on “the Lord building the house,” in this month’s text, reveals to us that Christian goals in family living have their roots deep in Old Testament soil. The Psalmist used the word “Jehovah” in our text, which is the name that was so dear to the heart of every Jew because it was the name by which God had revealed Himself to His people. Since the early Christians used the phrase “Christ is Lord” as their confession of faith, we can almost equate Jehovah of the Old Testament with Jesus of the New Testament. The Psalmist came as near as an Old Testament writer could to saying a home must be Christian in order for it to be effective and meaningful in everyday living.

Sunday, September 10, 2017

I. More than an influence!

A Christian home is more than one in which people say kind things to each other and seek to live unselfishly. Someone said that America’s problem is that we are trying to practice Christianity without believing it. This is the problem in many homes. People try to have a Christian home without believing in Jesus and committing their lives to Him.

The word Christian must be a noun before it becomes an adjective. Although one may occasionally find a person whose personal living standards do not conform to his or her profession, the greatest Christian deeds are being done by Christians who have openly committed themselves to Jesus as Savior and Lord. The same is true with reference to our homes. It is not enough to say that we should be Christian in attitude and minimize the importance of personally

accepting Jesus as Savior. Jesus is the one who makes the difference. He and He alone makes the home Christian.

Sunday, September 17, 2017

II. Every member should be born again!

Just as every member of a church should be a born-again Christian, every member of a family should be a born-again Christian. There are an overwhelming number of mothers who have held a home together when daddy would not bear his share of the load. Those mothers have reared children who have gone out to bless the world. A home can be genuinely and thoroughly Christian only if every member of the household is an openly committed Christian.

What about the children? Surveys have shown over and over that where mother and father are both committed to Christ as Savior, the children often come to Jesus at an early age. The children of homes that are Christian in the fullest sense are those who go out to bless the world with strong Christian convictions, and stable emotional lives.

Sunday, September 24, 2017

III. Every member should practice his or her religion!

Paul's letter to the Ephesians gives some practical rules for family relationships. Women are to "submit themselves unto their own husbands as unto the Lord" (Eph. 5:22), and husbands are to "love their wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (v25). Any woman is safe who submits herself to a man who loves her in the same way that Christ loves his church. Paul continued, "for no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church" (v29).

Children are to obey their parents, and they are to do it "in the Lord" (Eph. 6:1). Both in the Old Testament and New Testament, children are told to honor their fathers and mothers. Likewise, fathers are told that they are not to provoke their children to wrath but rather to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (v4).

The important matter in family life is relationships. If we practice our religion faithfully, we will keep the right attitude toward the other members of our family, and we can live together in Christian love. This is what makes a home Christian!