

Sunday School Lesson for the Month of September, 2022

How Christian Is Your Home?

(Colossians 3:16)

As we consider the home, we face the danger of leaving Christ out. We need to be cautious lest we accept a substitute for the right thing.

I. What is a Christian Home?

- A. Is it a home that merely maintains high moral standards?
- B. Is it a home where all the members believe in the existence of a supreme being?
- C. Is it a home where all the family members are listed as church members?
- D. Is it a home where everyone goes to church every Sunday?
- E. Is it a home where all the family members have been converted?
- F. Is it a home where there are certain moral restrictions imposed on the children?

When I ask, “How Christian is your home?” I am referring to a home that is distinctively different.

II. How would you define a Christian Home?

- A. A Christian home is a home where Christ is known, trusted, and obeyed. It is a home in which Christ lives as Savior, Lord, Friend, and Teacher.
 - 1. The Husband loves his wife sincerely and steadfastly even as Christ loves the Church (Ephesians 5:25).
 - 2. The Wife reverences her husband and recognizes him as the head of her household (Ephesians 5:21-24,33).
 - 3. The Children respect and obey their parents in the Lord (Colossians 3:20).

- B. A Christian home is a home where the husband and wife love each other sincerely and steadfastly. The vows they made before God and the state on their wedding day are treated as an unconditional commitment to each other as long as life lasts. The love that should prevail between a husband and wife will manifest itself on the sexual level, the social level, and the sacrificial level. God gives His smile of approval to the romantic attraction of the husband and wife for each other. The husband and the wife should conduct themselves as to maintain the respect and appreciation for one another. If married love is to reach its highest level, it must be characterized by a spirit of sacrifice on each one's part for the other.
- C. A Christian home is a home where there is a creative relationship between the parents and the children. The husband and the wife have a spiritual responsibility to help each other to be the best Christian they could possibly be. They have a responsibility to provide spiritual nurture and encouragement to their children as well as provision for their material needs. Parents must also recognize their responsibility for the spiritual training and discipline of their children. Children need to recognize that they have a responsibility to God for assisting in making the home Christian. It is the will of God that they respect and obey their parents. If they would be pleasing to their Lord, they must recognize the authority of their parents.

III. Making the home more Christian.

To maintain a creative relationship between parents and children, we will need these three gifts and activities.

- A. We need the gift and activity of faith!
1. Faith in God (Hebrews 11:6)
 2. Faith in Self
 3. Faith in Each Other
 4. Faith in The Future

B. The gift and activity of Hope!

1. Hope based on the goodness and faithfulness of God.
2. Hope based on character and commitment of Christ.
3. Hope based on the presence of God in the hearts of others and in our own hearts.

C. The gift and activity of Love!

If we want to have faith, hope, and love in abundance, we need to let Jesus Christ dwell in our hearts and in our home as Savior, Lord, Teacher, and Friend. He will assist and encourage us. Your home can be a Christian home, if you will trust and obey Christ.