

The Home

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I. Introduction.

A. Three relationships.

B. The book in the Bible that says the most about human love is the Song of Solomon.

1. There are many interpretations.

2. The speaker holds it to be a true story.

3. The events.

a. Solomon laid his eyes on a beauty queen and sought her for his harem, but she was already taken. Solomon took her by force.

b. Solomon tried everything he could to win the love of this woman but he could not. He found that many waters could not quench love and he sent her home.

4. Conclusion: many waters cannot quench love.

C. Stages to the relationship.

1. An awareness.

2. Respect must develop for the relationship to proceed.

3. Admiration.

4. Affection comes along and you become a little illogical.

5. Irrationality is the final stage.

D. The abiding foundation is mutual respect.

1. A deteriorating marriage relationship can be traced back to a lack of respect for the other.

2. Never criticize your partner in front of another person.

II. The husband to the wife.

- A. A woman's security comes from knowing her husband loves her. Therefore, it is important that the husband affirms that love constantly.
- B. The husband is the head over the woman - the security of leadership. (Ephesians 5:23; 1 Corinthians 11:3-5)
- C. The security of consideration. (1 Peter 3:7)
- D. The security of communication. (1 Corinthians 14)
 - 1. In most parts of the world the churches are gender separate and this was the way that it was in the early church.
 - 2. The women would catch up on gossip since they had not seen each other all week long. Therefore, Paul wanted them to keep silent during the service since it was getting started. Paul suggests that the husbands should communicate with their wives at home to solve this.
 - 3. Husbands owe wives the security of communicating so she feels she is a real partner with the family.
- E. A husband should praise his wife. (Proverbs 31:28)

III. The wife to the husband.

- A. The home is the one place that a man has left to be lord and master - if the wife joins in on beating on him like those at work, it will make the situation worse. (1 Peter 3:2; Ephesians 5:33)

IV. The parents to the children.

- A. The security of love. This covers every other deficiency.
- B. The security of discipline.
 - 1. The children need to know where they stand - this does not depend upon how you feel. (1 Samuel 3:13)
 - 2. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will go in the right way. The preparation of one submitting his or her will to Jesus Christ is submitting his or her will to you. (Proverbs 22:6, 15; 19:18; 23:13)
- C. We owe a child to bring him or her up rightly. (Genesis 18:19)

D. The greatest thing we owe a child is example. (Genesis 22)

1. Abraham told Isaac who was a young adult that God would provide a sacrifice.
2. The reason that he probably did not struggle against him is because he trusted his Father that God would provide.
3. We owe our children an authoritative example.

V. Conclusion.

- A. A revival comes when two or more people get right with God and each other.
- B. If anyone should be right with each other it should first be the husband and the wife.
- C. There are great spiritual issues at stake with being right with God and others.

Application questions.

1. Highlight one principle from each of the three categories of relationships and explain it in your own words.

2. Which category fits you best? What was most helpful about the principles described in this message?

3. Whether you fit in one of these categories or not, what will you do in preparation to be better in the area God has called you in or might call you in? What habits can you form to prepare yourself ahead of time?
