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Stewardship:  
A Life Devoted  
to Serving God

Session 5: Family

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# Protecting the Family

## Psalm 144

1 Blessed [be] the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war,  
[And] my fingers for battle--

3 LORD, what [is] man, that You take knowledge of him? [Or] the son  
of man, that You are mindful of him? Man is like a breath; His days  
[are] like a passing shadow.

11 Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, Whose  
mouth speaks lying words, And whose right hand [is] a right hand of  
falsehood—

12 That our sons [may be] as plants grown up in their youth; [That]  
our daughters [may be] as pillars, Sculptured in palace style;

## **Stewardship of the Family - Topics**

- God created marriage and has the right to define it
- Stewardship: all things belong to God, including our marriage and family
- We are saved sinners under the same roof
- A Christlike attitude in the home (temperament)

# God Created Marriage and has the right to define it

*Between a man and woman.  
Intended to be for the rest of their lives*

Mat 19:4-6 *And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made [them] at the beginning '**made them male and female,**' "and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the **two shall become one flesh**'? "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, **what God has joined together, let not man separate.**"*

**God Created Marriage  
and has the right to define it**

*Marriage as a holy institution*

*Malachi 2:11 Judah has dealt treacherously, And  
an abomination has been committed in Israel  
and in Jerusalem, For Judah has profaned **The  
LORD's holy [institution] which He loves: He has  
married the daughter of a foreign god.***

## God Created Marriage and has the right to define it

*A commitment made to God and each other*

*Mal 2:14b-15 Yet she is your companion and your wife **by covenant**. But did He not make [them] one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and **let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.***

## **God Created Marriage and has the right to define it**

*A commitment made to God and each other*

*Malachi 2:16 "For the LORD God of Israel says  
That He **hates divorce, For it covers one's  
garment with violence,**" Says the LORD of hosts.  
"Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you **do  
not deal treacherously.**"*

## **Challenge to the men**

Do you understand that your wife's greatest need is the security of knowing that you will be there with her and for her no matter what? And that you made that vow to her?

## **Challenge to the women**

“Do you understand that your husband’s greatest need is to know that you respect him? There is no greater pain for a man than for his wife to dishonor him by ignoring him, focusing on his faults...

**God Created Marriage  
and has the right to define it**

***God sees marriage as honorable***

***Hebrews 13:4***

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**God Created Marriage  
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Godly Order**

*Gen 2:18-24*

*And the LORD God said, "[It is] not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."...*

**God Created Marriage  
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Godly Order  
*Gen 2:18-24***

*And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He **took one of his ribs**, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "**This [is] now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh**; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

# God Created Marriage and has the right to define it: Godly Order

## *Ephesians 5:21-33*

- This structure was created for the protection of husband and wife and children.
  - Man being the head, and the wife submitting as he submits to the Lord
  - Man has servant-leadership, not lordship in the home
    - Includes leading your family in the ways of God, not leaving that to your wife.
    - Means being involved in decisions about the family, relying on the counsel of your wife, and ultimately making the best decision for your family
  - we are to love our wives as Christ loved the church, and He died for the church.

**God Created Marriage and has the right to define it:  
Godly Order: Marry Well!**

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And **what communion has light with darkness?**

# **Stewardship of our Marriage and Family**

## **God's Ownership of All**

*Psalm 24:1*

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."*

# **Stewardship of our Marriage and Family**

## **Christ as the Head**

*Joshua 24:15*

*"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

# Stewardship of our Marriage and Family

Principles for family stewardship

*time together*

*family prayer*

*respect*

*worshiping together*

*supporting one another*

*shared responsibilities*

*service to one another and others*

# **Stewardship of our Marriage and Family**

Ministering to our families - Parents

1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

# **Stewardship of our Marriage and Family**

Ministering to our families - Wives

Titus 2:4-5

that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, [to be] discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed

# Stewardship of our Marriage and Family

Ministering to our families - Wives

1 Peter 3:3-4

Do not let your adornment be [merely] outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on [fine] apparel-- rather [let it be] the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible [beauty] of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

# Stewardship of our Marriage and Family

Ministering to our families – Husbands

*1 Peter 3:7*

*Husbands, likewise, dwell with [them] with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as [being] heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.*

# **Stewardship of our Marriage and Family**

Ministering to our families – Fathers

*Ephesians 6:4*

*And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*

## Stewardship of our Marriage

### Protection in the marriage bed

*1 Corinthians 7:5*

***Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.***

# Stewardship of our Marriage and Family

Ministering to our families – Children

*Ephesians 6:1-3*

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."*

# **We are Saved Sinners Under the Same Roof**

*Romans 3:23*

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory  
of God*

## **We are Saved Sinners Under the Same Roof**

Our chief focus in life is to love Jesus even more than we love our families.

The greatest way to love our families is to constantly and consistently point them back to Jesus.

**We are Saved Sinners Under the Same Roof**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

**Proverbs 24:2-4**

# **A Christlike Attitude in the Home**

**Galatians 5:22-23**