

# HOW TO TRULY HAVE A CHRISTIAN HOME GENESIS 2:18, 21-24

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Introduction:

From the beginning of humanity the family has been the basic building block of society. God instituted the family as part of His plan for the people He had created. God planned for the Christian home.

The home is to be the place where God's love is modeled and the next generation is trained in the faith. The only way to have a truly Christian home is to follow the guidelines of God's Word.

Let's consider at what God's Word says about truly having a Christian home.

## **1. SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**

Before your home can truly be called a Christian home the members of the family who are of age must be saved.

Salvation is the fundamental building block of a Christian home.

A. Parents must teach the doctrines of Christ

**2 Timothy 1:5**

<sup>5</sup>When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

- Timothy had teachers
- We need to give our children a heritage of faith
- We cannot neglect to teach salvation

B. Salvation is a personal choice

- We cannot get saved for our children

**2 Timothy 3:15**

<sup>15</sup>And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

- Timothy made a spiritual decision based on the training he received from his mother and grandmother.

**Romans 10:17**

<sup>17</sup>So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

## 2. SURRENDER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The second requirement of having truly a Christian home is that the members have surrendered their will to the Holy Spirit.

### **Romans 8:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Those who are saved have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them but it is possible to have the Spirit and still not follow the Spirit.

Illustration:

Picture, you have two glasses of water and two packets of Alka-Seltzer. You open one packet and put the tablets in the water. You immediately see the reaction.

In the other glass you drop in the unopened packet. Nothing happens.

The vessels are the same, the water is the same, the tablets are the same but the unopened packet the medicine has not been unleashed in a way that makes it effective.

It is possible for us to allow sin and selfishness to grieve the Spirit so that He cannot work effectively in our lives.

- A carnal man or woman is detrimental to the home

A. Surrender produces an attitude of praise

### **Ephesians 5:19**

<sup>19</sup> Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

B. Surrender produces an attitude of gratitude

### **Ephesians 5:20**

<sup>20</sup> Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

C. Surrender produces an attitude of submission

### **Ephesians 5:21**

<sup>21</sup> Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

## **3. SECURITY THROUGH BIBLICAL ORDER**

The third element to a truly Christian home is a commitment to following God's order for your family. Each member has a divinely appointed role to fulfill. Our culture doesn't like God's plan. Society encourages us to seek freedom or fulfillment.

God wants us to have tender hearts and be submissive to Him rather than living for ourselves. That is the foundation for a Christian home.

#### A. Husbands are to provide leadership

##### **Ephesians 5:23-25**

<sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. <sup>24</sup>Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

- It is God's plan that the man is to be the leader in the home.
- This is not to be a leadership of words but of life.
- Being a leader means to be the first to forgive.
- God designation of the husband as a leader means that the final decisions rest with him.
- He is accountable for his family.
- He cannot defer that leadership to his wife, his pastor, or anyone else.

#### B. Wives are to support their husband's leadership

## **Ephesians 5:22**

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

- Much reaction is against this one verse as any other in the entire Bible. That's partly because many don't understand submission.
- God's plan of submission isn't sexist or against women
- No being in all of creation was made with greater care and attention to detail than Eve
- The word submission when translated talks about order
- God's Word teaches that wives are to support their husbands leadership
- God knows that your husband will not always be right
- You'll not always see wisdom in his decisions
- Submission is not conditioned on the husband's maturity or wisdom.
- It's not the wife's role to manipulate her husband into doing things right, but you need to

support him unless he wants to directly violate the Word of God.

### C. Children are to obey their parents

#### **Ephesians 6:1**

<sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

- God called children to obey their parents. This is their role in the home.
- It is the parent's responsibility to see to it that they obey, but commanding obedience is not enough.

#### **Proverbs 23:26**

<sup>26</sup> My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

- Parents need to be able to say to their children "I want you to follow the way I live"
- They need examples of what a godly living looks like.
- Parents need to provide direction and order in dress, entertainment, the way they address they elders.
- Parents need to teach respect, morality, honest, and humility

- Parents need to show their children the way of righteousness and godliness

#### **Ephesians 6:4**

<sup>4</sup> And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

- At a very young age we need to be sure the rebellious spirit is broken
- As they enter their school years we need to train and disciple them in the things of God.
- As they become teenagers we need to instruct them about remaining pure and encourage them to be actively serving God

## **4. SANCTITY THROUGH GODLY LIVING**

#### **Ephesians 5:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; <sup>26</sup> That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup> That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Finally a Christian home is a place of sanctification. The members of your family are to be purified through God's Word and thereby become more like the Saviour.



God's plan for your family is that it would be clean, holy, and pure, even in the midst of a wicked society.

How?

A. Through meditation of the Word of God

**John 17:17**

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

- As a family you should read the Bible and sing songs from the Bible.
- A truly Christian home centers and focuses on the Bible.

B. Through moral purity

Commit yourself to making your home a place of purity.

Many good families in good churches are having trouble in their home because they are not maintaining purity in the home.

Close:

God has given you a plan that contains everything you need to truly have a Christian home.

You will have to swim against the current of society to reach His goal, but the rewards are worth it.

It is up to you to take the tools God has given in His Word and build a family that brings honor and glory to Him.