

A Godly Home

Part 1 – The foundation

I Corinthians 3:10-23

- Built on the wrong foundation
 - Family experience
 - Culture
 - Friends
- Building on a Godly foundation – Luke 6:48
- In the beginning – Genesis 2:18-25
 - One thing that is “not good” – loneliness
 - God cared about Adam’s need
 - God’s solution to Adam’s need – not Adam’s
 - Not compatible? Perhaps God’s plan
- God’s design for marriage – Genesis 2:24
 - Severance – leave father and mother
 - Permanence – cleave unto his wife
 - Unity – one flesh (note similarity to Trinity)"
 - Intimacy – not ashamed

Part 2 – Building a Healthy Marriage

Proverbs 24:3-4

- Built through Wisdom (verse 3)
 - Seeing with discernment
- Established by Understanding (verse 3)
 - Responding with insight
- Filled by Knowledge
 - Learning with perception
- Source = Word of God (Prov. 2:6)
- Dealing with adversity – Genesis 24 & 25
 - Wonderful beginning – (24:67)
 - No children for 20 years (25:20, 26)
 - Isaac shared this burden (25:21)
 - Flaw develops (25:28)
 - Dishonesty (27:6,7)
 - Sowing and Reaping (27:13)

Part 3 – Communication in the Home

James 3:1-10

- Commanded to control the tongue
 - Study to be quiet (I Thes. 4:11)
 - Respond not in anger (I Peter 3:9)
 - Accountable for vain words (Matt. 12:36)
- Communication with Spouse
 - Honesty (Prov. 6:16-20)
 - Learning to listen (James 1:19)
 - Kindness (Ephesians 4:32)
 - Support
- Communication with Children
 - Consistency
 - Follow through
 - Avoid vain threats