

# **Making Families Work**

**Listen To The Designer**  
**Build A Good Foundation**  
**Train Up Children**



# Listen To The Designer

- **The Family is Our Foundation**
- **Husband Joined to Wife**
  - Genesis 2:24
- **Starting Over With Noah & His Family**
  - Genesis 6:18
- **Blessing World Through One Man**
  - Genesis 17:4
- **Parents Should Teach Children**
  - Deuteronomy 4:9-10



# Listen To The Designer

- **Husband & Wife Are The Foundation of the Family**
- **A Prudent Wife is From the Lord**
  - Proverbs 19:14
- **May Wives Find Rest With Husband**
  - Ruth 1:8-9
- **Husbands Love Your Wife**
  - Ephesians 5:25-28
- **Husbands Honor Your Wife**
  - 1Peter 3:7
- **Wives Respect Your Husband**
  - Ephesians 5:33

# Build A Good Foundation

*Problems will always exist in relationships but how we deal with them determines whether we lay a brick for our foundation or a brick in a wall between us.*

## ■ Principles Needed To Resolve Problems

- Self-Discipline      1 Corinthians 9:27
- Self-Control        2 Peter 1:6
- Sacrifice             Romans 12:1
- Forgiveness         Matthew 6:15
- Love                    1 John 4:7-11

## ■ Describe Actions Not Motives or Thoughts

- 1 Cor 2:11; Acts 9:4; 1 Timothy 1:13



# Building A Foundation

- **Guard Your Tongue**
  - Proverbs 21:19,23; 26:21
  - Matthew 12:36-37; James 1:26
- **Understand The Problem**
  - Proverbs 18:13
  - James 1:19; 1 Peter 3:7
- **Don't Dump Old Bricks On The Problem**
  - Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 44:22
- **Resolve The Problem-Find Mutual Solution**
  - Matthew 5:9; Romans 14:19

# Training Up Children

## ■ Basic Assumptions

- World: Children are perfect - Let them be themselves.
- God: Foolishness is bound up in the hearts of children.

## ■ Teach Them

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- You must teach them what is expected.
  - Obedience Colossians 3:20
  - Love God Luke 10:27-28
  - Love Neighbor Romans 13:9-10

## ■ Train Them

Proverbs 22:6

- Show them how; be a righteous role model.
  - Luke 2:52
  - Obey those in authority Titus 3:1-2
  - Be kind and courteous 1Corinthians 13:4-7

# Training Up Children

- **Correct Them**                      Proverbs 3:11-12
  - Discipline willful disobedience
    - Proverbs 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14
    - Hebrews 12:9-11
  
- **Love Them**
  - L            **LISTEN** to them often
  - O            **OVERLOOK** their weaknesses
  - V            **VOICE** your love to them often
  - E            **EFFORT** - give maximum effort



# Making Families Work

- **Listen To The Designer**

- The Family is the Foundation of Society
- The Husband & Wife are the foundation of the Family

- **Build A Good Foundation**

- *How we deal with problems determines whether we strengthen our foundation or weaken it.*

- **Train Up Children**

- Teach Them
- Train Them
- Correct Them
- Love Them