

V. ESTABLISHING A CHRISTIAN HOME

A. CENTER THE THINGS OF YOUR HOME AROUND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1. This involves honoring Him in whatever takes place in your home (Col. 1:18). The atmosphere and all the activities should honor Christ (I Cor. 10:31).
2. This should involve seeking His face and His will in whatever matter that arise (I Pet. 5:7).

B. MAKE DAILY DEVOTIONS A MATTER OF PRACTICE IN YOUR HOME

1. This should involve reading God's Word and discussion (Matt. 4:4; I Tim. 4:13; Psa. 1:1,2).
2. This may involve the use of a daily devotional guide.
3. This should involve praying together. Someone has well-said, "The family that prays together, stays together." (I Thess. 5:17)

C. ATTEND THE SAME LOCAL GOSPEL-PREACHING CHURCH AND BE FAITHFUL IN ATTENDANCE

1. When couples are divided over where they attend church it violates a fundamental principle which the Lord gave (Matt. 12:25).
2. Like the spoke in a wheel, keep in mind the closer you are to the Lord the closer you'll be to one another.
3. It should be noted when couples get out of church they will get out of God's will and this will lead to all kinds of marital problems (Jude 21).

D. WORK TO MAKE YOUR HOME A PLACE OF BLESSING AND MINISTRY TO OTHERS

1. Your home can be a blessing and minister to others as you show hospitality and invite others in (Heb. 13:2).
2. For your home to be a place of blessing it needs to be clean and neat and void of any reproach or reason for others to speak derogatorily of you (Prov. 20:11).
3. Your home will become a spiritual training ground for your children (Dt. 6:6,7). Someone has said, "As goes the home, so goes the Nation." It cannot be overstated that what becomes of your children will be a direct result of their home-life. Some homes will produce God-honoring Christians while others will produce sin-hardened criminals.

