

MAKING JESUS THE LORD OF MY LIFE--LESSON 3A

Wednesday, February 12th

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Introduction:

- God created marriage and the family and organized them in the way that is best for us. He knows what we need.
- If our family life is right, everything is better. If family life is messed up, nothing else is really good.
- We can probably serve Jesus in and through our family more than any other way.
- Our families can really be happy if we let Jesus as Lord direct them.

1. Before marriage, be guided by Christ's teaching in the way you treat people of the opposite sex. Choose a mate who will completely share with you in serving the Lord through your marriage.

- Does God want a Christian to marry an unbeliever? 1 Corinthians 7:39; 2 Corinthians 6:14 _____
- If one wants to obey God in this, whom will he or she date?

- Does God want people to have sex outside of marriage? 1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2 _____

1. In marriage, what is the main thing the Lord Jesus tells the husband to do? Ephesians 5:25-29 _____

- Who is the example of the husband's love for his wife? Ephesians 5:25

- Christ's love for the church caused him to do what for it? Ephesians 5:25

- The relationship between the husband and the wife is compared to what other relationship? Ephesians 5:23

- What is to be the husband's attitude as he leads his wife? 1 Peter 3:7

- What will happen if he does not have this attitude? 1 Peter 3:7 _____

- What is another thing Jesus tells the husband to do? 1 Timothy 5:8

- What decision is the husband and father responsible for making and carrying out? Joshua 24:15 _____

3. What is the main thing Jesus as Lord tells the wife to do? Ephesians 5:22-24,33

- What is her example in this? Ephesians 5:24

- Can the family or any other organization succeed without leadership?

- Whom has God placed in leadership in the family? Ephesians 5:23

- Do you think the wife is to submit to her husband because he is always right, or because he is her husband?

- When we disobey God's appointed authority, who do we also disobey? Romans 13:1-7

- If a wife submits to her husband only when she thinks he is right, is this submission?

- If the wife obeys her husband but resents it and takes out the resentment in nagging, sexual coldness or in some other way, do you think she is submitting in the spirit that the Lord Jesus teaches?

- Who, as our example, won the greatest victories and the greatest honor through humility and submission? Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 16:24-25

- Why was Eve given to Adam as a wife? Genesis 2:18-25

- What is the basic family role which the Lord has given the wife? 1 Timothy 5:9,10,14; Titus 2:4,5; Proverbs 31: 10-31

- How can a wife help her husband if he is not a Christian believer? 1 Peter 3:1-4