

Happiness In Your Home

The Christian Family Under Construction!



Text: Psalms 127

I. Introduction

- The absolute importance of the family of God
- Families and marriages are to be built on a firm foundation – Christ!
- Two-thirds of marriages in the U.S. are on a dangerous precipice

II. There Are Many Attacks Upon The Family, And There Are Many Reasons Why Families Are Having Troubles!

- We are living in a sinful world! From Adam and Eve down to our present time
- We are living in a godless society! There is an organized hostility against God!
- But the Lord wants to give us joy...**Jesus, Others, Yourself!**
- Discontent happens when you put yourself first
- Satan and the world wants to give you grive
- Ben Stine (A View From Sunset Boulevard) found TV executives' plan was to overturn old fashioned, traditional American values; their #1 tool was sitcoms; they inserted secular values and gradually changed our thinking
- **Psalm 127**
- A wedding is an event and a ceremony that occurs quickly; a marriage is an accomplishment and takes a lifetime to build

III. The “Pillar” Of Authority

- All families operate on the basis of some sort of authority!
- Will that authority be God's or some other authority?
- Traditions are perpetuated in families (**Exodus 20:5**); wicked traditions
- **Psalm 1:1** shows a better way
- Don't try to get Christian advice from Un-Christian people
- Never ask for spiritual advice from ungodly people
- Some things God, with divine authority, says about marriage are:
1. Marriage Is A Divine Institution!

- Ordained by God
 - **Genesis 2:18, 22-24**
- 2. Marriage Is A Covenant Relationship!**
- God forbids carousing, sexual promiscuity, sensuality for Christian families
 - **Malachi 2:13-16**
 - **Romans 13:13-14**
 - God's order is to get married first AND THEN you begin to live together as husband and wife. Make up your mind that your marriage is going to be guided by the authority of the Divine Word of the Living God!
 - The Bible works in your life, and the Bible works in your marriage!

IV. Conclusion

- Historical testimony from Henry M. Grady
- Center of this country lies in the homes of families that honor the Lord
- It all begins with you!
- Will you accept Christ as your Savior?