

# Family Life 213 Diploma Level



**Classroom Hours:** 24 (minimum)

**Description/Overview:**

Strong families are the key to strong churches, communities, and nations. God has specific things to say to each member of a family unit about their roles in the home, and their function in His kingdom. This course outlines God’s perfect plan for preparing strong families for Kingdom service.

## **Objectives:**

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1.) Restate the necessity of following God's plan for families.
- 2.) Define the term "family" within the parameters of Biblical guidelines.
- 3.) Compare building a family with building a house, recognizing that the right foundation and tools are necessary.
- 4.) Describe the various reasons given by God for joining together in marriage.
- 5.) Summarize the role of a man in a marriage.
- 6.) State the role of a woman in a marriage.
- 7.) Establish that marriage was instituted and ordained by God.
- 8.) Point out that the foundation of a good marriage is understanding of and obedience to God's plan.
- 9.) Identify the quick and careless decision to marry as one of the gravest mistakes made in our world.
- 10.) Explore the necessity of obedience to God's word, as it is vital to a successful marriage.
- 11.) Understand that marriage is hard work, but when handled in the right manner can be the most fulfilling of God's blessings.
- 12.) Illustrate earthly fatherhood as a picture of our relationship with our heavenly Father.
- 13.) Repeat that children should be trained to reflect their mother as she reflects God's glory.
- 14.) Assess the importance of children to God's kingdom.
- 15.) Restate that God's intention with the creation of family was to create godly children as a heritage.
- 16.) Weigh the importance of walls and boundaries against the current world culture of tolerance.
- 17.) Confirm that true belief always leads to action.

## **Topics/Concepts:**

- God's original design, what it looks like, and the enemy waring against it.
- The specific structure of the original family and the need to follow its guidelines to repeat the pattern.
- The different types of love and their resulting issues as well as God as the center and source of true love.
- Practical suggestions for the maintaining of marriage.
- An exploration of the concepts of companionship, commitment, covenant, and communication.
- Partner hunting and how to do it the Biblical way.
- Fatherhood as a picture of Christ and motherhood as a supporting role.

## **Recommended Primary Textbook(s)**

*Family Life*, Linda Poitras

## **Recommended Alternatives:**

## **Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:**

- Lesson 1 – Defining the Family
- Lesson 2 – Building Your Family Lesson
- Lesson 3 – Deciding to Marry
- Lesson 4 – Becoming a Husband
- Lesson 5 – Becoming a Wife
- Lesson 6 – Getting Ready to Marry
- Lesson 7 – Understanding Marriage
- Lesson 8 – Finding the Right Partner
- Lesson 9 – Waiting to Say, “I Do”
- Lesson 10 – Living “Happily Ever After”
- Lesson 11 – Being a Godly Father
- Lesson 12 – Being a Godly Mother
- Lesson 13 – Seeing Children Like God Does
- Lesson 14 – Enjoying Our Heritage and Reward
- Lesson 15 – Keeping Trouble Out by Discipline
- Lesson 16 – Building an Ark – Again!
- Lesson 17 – Believing Means Obeying
- Lesson 18 – Bolting the Door

## **Languages Available:**

English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian

## **Course Packet Resources:**

Power Points

Answer Key

eBook

Additional Articles available on request to [gats@upci.org](mailto:gats@upci.org)

**Comments:**

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