

# Answer Key

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### What Have You Learned?

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#### Introducing Family Life

1. What is the basic unit of all societies worldwide? The family
2. Why are families falling apart worldwide? The world has forgotten the creator of the family and left Him out of their plans.
3. Who began the institution of the family? God  
When? When God made Eve and brought her to Adam in the Garden of Eden, the family began.
4. How are males and females alike? (Name four characteristics.)
  - 1) Physical
  - 2) Social
  - 3) Intellectual
  - 4) Emotional
5. What happens when families fail? They are helping Satan in his war against God.
6. What was the original temptation used by the serpent in the Garden of Eden? He tempted Eve with the choice of planning her own life, using her ideas and not what God said as the guide for decisions..
7. What five (5) pieces of the armour of God are used for protection?
  - 1) Loins girt with truth
  - 2) Breastplate of righteousness
  - 3) Feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace
  - 4) Shield of faith – quench the fiery darts of the wicked
  - 5) Helmet of salvation
8. What is the one (1) offensive weapon of the armour of God? The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God
9. List at least three (3) Scripture references that can be used to build a Godly family.
  - 1) Matthew 19:4-6
  - 2) Genesis 2:18-25
  - 3) Genesis 1:26-30
  - 4) Mark 10:6-9
10. What four (4) areas of a child's make-up are being attacked more severely because of the failure of the family?
  - 1) Minds
  - 2) Bodies
  - 3) Morals
  - 4) Beliefs
11. What are two things that can happen to children as a result of not being protected by godly families?
  - 1) They are more open to attacks of the enemy because of a lack of godly families.
  - 2) This lack increases the possibility that they do not know how to use God's Word to fight the enemy of their souls.
12. Which institution has most of a child's time? The family  
What percent of the child's time do they have? 81% of their time

#### Lesson 1 – Defining the Family

1. What proves that Jesus came to earth the same as everyone else? He was born as a baby into an earthly family.
2. What are five (5) characteristics of the family just before the fall of an empire (nation)?
  - 1) Marriage loses its sacredness.
  - 2) Women's liberation flourishes.
  - 3) Parenting becomes extremely difficult.
  - 4) Adultery is celebrated, not punished.
  - 5) Sexual perversion is everywhere.
3. Most people of the world live in what type of family unit? The extended family
4. Which form of marriage is universally recognized? Monogamy  
What does this mean? Monogamy is an exclusive relationship between one man and one woman.
5. What four (4) problems can be caused by polygamy?

- 1) The husband may keep a different house for each wife.
- 2) The father doesn't want to act too close to any one family, so he becomes only a provider.
- 3) Children grow up as though they had only one parent.
- 4) Children have a difficult time figuring out who is the family head.
6. What was the choice Eve made when she listened to the serpent? She chose to know good AND evil.
7. What was the two-fold harvest reaped by Adam and Eve as a result of their sin?
  - 1) Separation from God
  - 2) Eventual death (physical and spiritual)
8. What does a good marriage show the world about God? A good marriage is a clear reflection of God and His love for the world.

## Lesson 2 – Building Your Family

1. What are four (4) things that families are responsible to do – worldwide?
  - 1) Care for, protect, and nurture infants.
  - 2) Teach rules and regulations of the society and home.
  - 3) Show all members how to give and receive love and affection.
  - 4) Make sure all members understand this is the way they should form a family unit.
2. What is the only family planning manual available? God's Word
3. What was the basic difference in the two families whose descendants were studied? One family tried to live by God's design, and the other did not.
4. Given the following statements, about God's plan for families, write one scripture reference to support each.
  - 1) God hates divorce. Malachi 2:14-18
  - 2) Children should be taught obedience for their safety. Ephesians 6:1-3
  - 3) Physical union with another person makes you a part of each other. 1 Corinthians 6:16-19
5. What is the solid rock upon which a marriage should be built? God's Word and His plan for marriage
6. List three (3) steps a person should follow to plan for their family.
  - 1) Take time to learn what God says about families.
  - 2) Spend much time in prayer and discussion with your chosen life partner about your goals and desires for your new family.
  - 3) Make prayer and Bible reading a priority in your family life —both privately and with other family members.

## Lesson 3 – Deciding to Marry

1. What is the most common reason given for marriage? Strong desire (love) toward a person of the opposite sex is the most common.
2. Using your own words, write a definition of marriage. (Answer will vary, but should include some of the following.) Marriage is a universal institution established by God. It was meant to bring special closeness to one man and one woman who help and depend on each other as they build a family.
3. What is one (1) need, basic to all societies of the world? The need for families
4. What does successful childrearing require?
  - 1) Extensive parental involvement
  - 2) The cooperation of both parents
5. What is one (1) major principle of most societies of the world regarding children? Every child should have a legitimate father.
6. According to the *Revell Bible Dictionary*, what is the controlling concept in Scripture that defines "love"? Commitment
7. List at least five (5) reasons given in God's Word for marriage. Support with Scripture reference.
  - 1) To provide a helpmeet for man – Genesis 2:18
  - 2) To produce children – Genesis 1:28
  - 3) To start another family unit – Genesis 2:24
  - 4) This is the honorable way to "become one flesh". – Genesis 2:25
  - 5) Marriage should be an expression of the same type of love Christ had for the church. – Ephesians 5:25
8. What is the difference in "falling in love" and the love Christ portrayed for His church? God's love is sacrificial, redeeming, unmerited, and an expression of the character of the lover rather than dependent on qualities in the beloved. "Falling in love" is a selfish longing for your rights and how good someone makes you feel. True love is about commitment and service to the one you love.

## Lesson 4 – Becoming a Husband

1. What basic need did God place in every man? The need for a helpmeet
2. God made women to want (desire) something. What is it? A husband
3. Why is the husband's shift in loyalty from parents to wife so important to the marriage? When married, the man is no more a single being, but part of a whole that includes his wife. This is supposed to be a picture of Christ and His church.
4. The foundation of all roles of the married man is the attitude of SERVICE.
5. This attitude will show itself in what three (3) areas?
  - 1) His service and love for God
  - 2) His service and love toward His wife
  - 3) The driving force of all training for his children
6. The husband's responsibilities as "head of the wife" should include what four (4) things? Support with Scripture.
  - 1) Leadership and provision for families' spiritual and domestic needs (Ephesians 5:23-24, I Timothy 5:8, Genesis 3:16-19);
  - 2) Love, protection, security and interest in her welfare in the same manner that Christ loves the church (Ephesians 5:25-33);
  - 3) Honor, appreciation, understanding, and thoughtfulness (Colossians 3:19, I Peter 3:7); and
  - 4) Absolute faithfulness and fidelity to the marriage relationship (Ephesians 5:31, Matthew 5:27-28).

## Lesson 5 – Becoming a Wife

1. How did Adam fail in his responsibility to his wife? He told her God's law, but did not lead her away from temptation. Instead, he followed her into sin (Genesis 3:6).
2. What does "Eve" mean? Mother of all living
3. Why did the man call the woman "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh"? Support your answer with Scripture. Because she was taken out of him (Genesis 2:23)
4. In your own words, what does it mean to be a "helpmeet"? (Answers will vary, but should include something like the following.) To be a helpmeet, you must have something of value to share with the one you are supposed to be helping.
5. Make a list of ways you think a wife (your own if you have one) can be a good helpmeet.
  - 1) Understand the needs of the husband for a helpmeet.
  - 2) Try to understand what is important to the husband.
  - 3) Encourage him in his chosen life work.
  - 4) Always show respect – especially in front of others.
  - 5) Praise him for accomplishments and achievements.
  - 6) Make requests – not demands.
  - 7) Learn to show your love in ways he will appreciate.
  - 8) Remember that his needs are not the same as your own.
  - 9) Always check your motives for criticism.
  - 10) Remember the basic biological difference in men and women – he responds to sight – you like to be touched.
  - 11) Be careful to communicate openly – especially about personal matters.
  - 12) Never assume that he knows how you feel.
  - 13) Be very careful when you express your feelings that he doesn't feel threatened.
6. How did the lives of Adam and Eve change after their disobedience?
  - 1) Adam must sweat and toil to provide for his family.
  - 2) Eve would know pain and suffering in childbirth – even near death.
  - 3) Eve would desire her man.
  - 4) He would rule over her.
7. What does the word "submit" mean literally when translated from the Greek? "To place or arrange under the authority of another. It is voluntary subordination. She chooses to come under the protection and leadership of this one man.
8. Who is a woman supposed to submit to? Support your answer with Scripture (write it out with reference). Her own husband according to:  
Ephesians 5:22—"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

1 Peter 3:1—*“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands, that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives.”*

Colossians 3:18—*“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.”*

### Lesson 6 – Getting Ready to Marry

1. Where and when did marriage begin? Who started it? God started marriage in the Garden of Eden when he made the woman and brought her to the man.
2. Where in the Bible can you find God's original plan for marriage? Genesis 2:18-25
3. What is the most alarming statistic about divorce among Christians? Divorce is slightly higher among Christians than among those who claim no faith at all.
4. Explain the following statement: “Everything we do to prepare for marriage should be centered in God's Word.” This does not mean all our preparations will be spiritual. It means all our decisions and actions should be based on Bible principles.
5. Where and when should preparation for marriage begin? Marriage preparation begins at home where children (even infants) watch their parents live together and love each other according to God's Word.
6. How do we know God cares about marriage and the family? Support with Scripture. His Word tells us so and He gives instruction for the family throughout Scripture (Proverbs 2:1-11).
7. What important practical suggestion about marriage did the Apostle Paul give? Support with Scripture. Be sure you obey the laws of your nation about marriage (Romans 13:1).
8. What is the best way to prevent the failure of marriage and the family? Include at least three (3) points. Following God's plan for marriage and the family is our only hope for preventing failure. This can be done before the marriage takes place and the family begins by:
  - 1) Men of God who train all age groups in God's design for marriage.
  - 2) Fathers and mothers who together set a godly example of marriage for their growing children.
  - 3) Knowing and obeying the laws of the country in which you live.
  - 4) Taking as many health precautions as possible before marriage to prevent sickness and death.

### Lesson 7 – Understanding Marriage

1. What are the four (4) concepts involved in the building of a godly family? Give a short definition of each.
  - 1) Companionship – a joining together to meet each other's needs
  - 2) Commitment – a binding agreement of two people toward each other—more than but including physical union
  - 3) Covenant – a vow to God and my partner to keep this agreement until death
  - 4) Communication – talking and listening – the job of understanding another person
2. When is the need for companionship first felt in a person's life? While he is still at home and surrounded by family members
3. According to the article “The Covenant of Marriage”, what four (4) different types of unity are involved in companionship?
  - 1) Unity of purpose
  - 2) Unity of thoughts
  - 3) Unity of efforts
  - 4) Unity of bodies (in marriage only)
4. The Bible speaks of both the man and woman as a companion in marriage. Write out the Scripture (with reference) for each.
  - 1) The man as companion – Proverbs 2:17 – *“Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.”*
  - 2) The woman as companion – Malachi 2:14 – *“Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.”*
5. If marriage is not just the physical union of a man and a woman, what is it? It is about commitment, and being a pattern (picture) of Christ and His relationship to His bride, the church.
6. What is the difference between a commitment and a covenant? A commitment is the decision to be obligated continually to one person or thing. A covenant is the actual spoken, legal vow, in front of witnesses, that you will fulfill this commitment. It seals the contract.
7. List four (4) reasons why the marriage covenant must be kept sacred.
  - 1) God thought of marriage first.

- 2) God planned it all out.
- 3) God commanded that it continue until death of one of the people involved.
- 4) God commanded that marriage (the institution) continue until His return.
8. How is the marriage covenant both vertical and horizontal? It is horizontal – between two people who are on the same level. It is vertical – both people direct their vows upward to God.

### Lesson 8 – Finding the Right Partner

1. What do we mean when we say “marriage is ordained of God”? He approves of marriage because He began it.
2. Name at least four (4) areas of everyday life that couples should agree (or at least get along) about. Give a short explanation of each.
  - 1) Intellectual – the importance and level of education
  - 2) Social – what part will they play in the family and community
  - 3) Physical – the principles of appearance
  - 4) Spiritual – a common understanding and love for God and His ways
3. List the seven (7) principles for choosing a life partner that can be found in the story of Isaac and Rebekah (Genesis 24).
  - 1) You need a common foundation of life (from the same culture)
  - 2) God must be involved in the choice of a life partner.
  - 3) Your partner should be someone who looks good to you.
  - 4) Your partner should be morally pure.
  - 5) Parents should be involved in the marriage decision.
  - 6) God’s timing is vital to a correct marriage decision.
  - 7) God’s will is the foundation of a proper marriage.
4. Why is keeping oneself morally pure so important in marriage preparation? This is vital to the mutual respect and love intended between a man and wife. Fornication is a work of the flesh, and will keep you out of heaven (Galatians 5:19-21).
5. What does research (statistics) say about people who partake in sexual activity before marriage? They are more likely to have an affair with someone other than their spouse during marriage.
6. When does preparation for marriage start, and why? It starts in infancy so that children may be taught their bodies are temples of the living God, and they learn how to “possess their vessel in sanctification and honour” (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4).
7. What are the two (2) sides to the issue of God’s timing in your marriage plans?
  - 1) Don’t get in a hurry, but spend time together in prayer and Bible study, getting to know each other in everyday situations such as work and family gatherings.
  - 2) The other side of timing is action. When the couple is sure their marriage is God’s will, they should go ahead with their plans. If couples wait until circumstances of life are perfect, they will never get married.
8. God’s work on something as personal and intimate as marriage begins where? In the mind

### Lesson 9 – Waiting to Say, “I Do”

1. When do most divorces take place? The first three (3) years of marriage, and often during the very first year.
2. What four (4) keys unlock the door to a great marriage? Briefly explain each one.
  - 1) You must leave before you can cleave – close connection to parents will hinder ability to draw closer to your wife/husband.
  - 2) You must work at this “cleaving” – closeness will grow with time and deliberate attempts to work together, facing life’s trials.
  - 3) It takes leaving and cleaving to have unity – this bonding with your partner in daily decisions will be the foundation of “becoming one flesh”. This includes a strong, growing friendship, and assurance of commitment to each other.
  - 4) Unity breeds loving intimacy – this is talking about true unity gained as a couple grows and becomes God’s best together. This involves total honesty and sharing with your life partner.
3. What five (5) things are a part of “becoming one flesh” in addition to the physical union?
  - 1) Accept each other.
  - 2) Give to each other.
  - 3) Listen to each other.
  - 4) Forgive each other.

- 5) Walk together in the same direction (life goals and priorities).
4. Loving intimacy is about what three (3) things?
  - 1) Sharing one's deepest feelings and desires with another—The man and his wife had no hidden areas, no hang-ups, no embarrassments, no fears.
  - 2) Communication is extremely important—There was total transparency, the complete absence of self-consciousness.
  - 3) There is joy in serving and sacrificing for each other—This made them totally free, emotionally as well as physically, inwardly and outwardly.
5. What are five (5) things we need to remember about intimacy? Support your answers with Scripture.
  - 1) God meant for intimacy to be confined to marriage only (Hebrews 13:4).
  - 2) He designed this part of the marriage relationship to be very good, just like all His other creations (Genesis 1:27-31).
  - 3) Intimacy is to be enjoyed (Song of Solomon 4:1-7).
  - 4) Intimacy is only good with an unselfish partner (Song of Solomon 2:10-17).
  - 5) God planned that intimacy would be uninterrupted (1 Corinthians 7:1-5).

### Lesson 10 – Living “Happily Ever After”

1. The Old Testament pictures show God in a covenant relationship with whom? The nation of Israel
2. Which book of the Old Testament is a clear picture of God's relationship with the nation of Israel? Explain briefly. The book of Hosea gives us a picture of God's relationship with the nation of Israel through Hosea's relationship with his adulterous wife, and even the God-given names of his children.
3. Why is it so important to choose God's way when one marries? When man chooses his own path, he takes sin and death. Sorrow, heartache, suffering and disappointment are real parts of life because of that choice
4. Write Lamentations 3:22-23 in full and memorize it.  
*“It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”*
5. What are seven (7) suggestions for finding a life of joy and peace on earth—especially in your marriage?
  - 1) Turn to God.
  - 2) Listen to His voice.
  - 3) Do His will.
  - 4) Obey His Word.
  - 5) Follow God's pattern in the choice of a mate.
  - 6) Work together.
  - 7) Teach children and those under your leadership biblical principles—especially regarding marriage.

### Lesson 11 – Being a Godly Father

1. What did God design fathers to be for their children? A father was designed by God to be the living picture of what He is like.
2. Who was the first father? God
3. What were His children's names? Adam and Eve
4. What four (4) responsibilities of fathers in Bible times are still the responsibilities of fathers? Support your answers with Scripture.
  - 1) He was the spiritual head at home (Genesis 12:8; Exodus 12:3).
  - 2) He (with the help of his wife) was in charge of the education of their children (Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:7-9), especially the passing of truth (God's law) from generation to generation.
  - 3) He was in charge of the wise and loving discipline of his children (Proverbs 13:24; Hebrews 12:5-11). This included being a godly example.
  - 4) He was supposed to provide for his family's needs (Proverbs 6:6-11; 1 Timothy 5:8).
5. How many times does the Word of God record God talking to His children with a direct statement such as “God said,” “thus saith the Lord,” “the Lord said,” “God saith,” “Jesus said,” “Jesus saith,” or “the word of God?” God is a Father who loves to talk to His children and this is recorded more than 1,200 times.
6. Why does a man's choice of a wife affect their children so seriously? A man and his wife were meant to work together so closely to train their children in the ways of the Lord. If he chooses an ungodly wife, the possibility of her turning him to follow other gods is very strong. This means the leadership of the family can be turned from truth and the whole family will follow. (Read 2 Corinthians 6:14 and Deuteronomy 7:2-3.)

7. What can we learn from each of these fathers?  
 Abraham – teaches us to wait patiently for God's promises.  
 Jacob – teaches us to be careful not to sow deceit and favoritism among our children.  
 Joshua – teaches that it is necessary to train the next generation carefully and prayerfully.  
 Gideon – teaches that polygamy and lack of Godly leadership is dangerous to the future of our children.  
 Samuel – teaches that a lack of godly discipline has far-reaching effects on our children and all those associated with them.

### Lesson 12 – Being a Godly Mother

1. What is one (1) of the most difficult things for mothers to accomplish (according to the key verse)? Reflecting God's glory while being a role model for her children.
2. When and where in the Bible is the word "mother" first mentioned? When Adam gave his wife a name—he called her Eve (the mother of all living).
3. Why is motherhood associated with sorrow and pain? Give Scripture to support your answer. Because of her disobedience, Eve learned about sorrow and pain (Genesis 3:16).
4. Where does a mother's responsibility begin? With the man she chooses to be her husband—the father of her future children
5. What does fasting do to help in the choice of a life partner? Fasting helps put down the desires of self and lift up God's will as supreme.
6. What can be done to correct the mistake of choosing a life partner who does not love and serve God? We can be very careful to teach our own children, beginning when they are small, that God has a plan for their lives—especially the right partner.
7. What is the common definition of the word "mother"? One who gives birth
8. Use Scripture to explain how the role of a mother is a supporting one. Ephesians 5:22-33 tells us that mothers are to support and uphold the father's instruction, and make the home a unified place of obedience to God and His ways.
9. What two (2) habits need to be cultivated in our children as we train them to live for God?  
 1) Bible reading  
 2) Prayer  
 What should they understand from an early age? God cares about them, listens when they pray, and always answers—even if it isn't the answer they would like to hear.
10. What do children need in their lives more than anything else? To know the Lord personally
11. In the space provided, write one (1) idea for a game or fun way you could help you children memorize Scripture. (Use a different idea than the ones given in the lesson. You can use a well-known children's game as the basis for your Scripture memory game.) Answers will vary but should be noted carefully for later use.

### Lesson 13 – Seeing Children Like God Does

1. How did Jesus begin His life on earth? As a baby
2. Give four (4) points about the way God sees children. Use Scripture to support your answer. Matthew 18:1-6, Mark 10: 13-16, and Luke 18: 15-17 tells us:  
 1) The greatest in His kingdom are those who are changed from their "adult" attitude to have the character of a little child.  
 2) Anyone who harms (offends) one of His little children (whether an actual child or a believer with childlike character) is in serious trouble.  
 3) Those who receive little children in His name are actually receiving Him.  
 4) Heaven is going to be full of people whose character is childlike.
3. Using Scripture as a reference, what two (2) instructions did Paul give Timothy, about children and the home?  
 1) 1 Timothy 5:8 – leaders were to provide for their own household  
 2) 1 Timothy 3:4-5 – leaders were to have their own children in subjection
4. Why is the term "ordinary baby" not a correct one? Every child is a priceless treasure in God's eyes, a miracle with the potential beginning for new and great things in life.
5. How does the devil see children? As the weak spot for defeating any enemy
6. Give two (2) examples of babies from the Bible who were used for great things in God's plan. Support your answer with Scripture.  
 1) Moses – delivered God's chosen people, Israel (Exodus 2:1-10).

- 2) Joseph – lived his life to please God and His law (Genesis 30:22-24, 37, 39-41)
- 3) Samuel – judged Israel until they chose a king (1 Samuel 1:1-20; 24-28; 2:20-21)
- 4) John the Baptist – prepared the hearts of the people in repentance to receive the message of their Messiah (Luke 1:6-7)
7. Write in full the following Scripture passages:  
 Matthew 18:5-6 – *“And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But who shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”*  
 Galatians 4:4 – *“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.”*  
 Mark 10: 14-16 – *“But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.”*

#### Lesson 14 – Enjoying Our Heritage and Reward

1. In what two (2) specific places in Scripture did God command people to “be fruitful and multiply”? Who was each commandment for?
  - 1) In Genesis 1:28 – God commanded Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply
  - 2) In Genesis 9:7 – God commanded Noah’s sons to be fruitful and multiply
2. What three (3) possibilities give us insight into God’s pattern for families—a plan that would greatly decrease the world’s population?
  - 1) What if every child was born into a family with legally married parents?
  - 2) What if every child was born to parents who loved God, each other, and this new life they were responsible for bringing into the world?
  - 3) What if every child was born into a home where both parents were present and took an active part in training their children?
3. What things did God provide in creation before He made man? God made sure they had everything they needed to nurture and sustain their lives before He made man in His own image.
4. God’s family plan began with whom? The father—leader of the family
5. Which of Adam and Eve’s children is listed in the genealogy of Adam? Seth
6. After rejecting his sacrifice, God told Cain two (2) things that could have helped him offer a proper sacrifice. What were they?
  - 1) Do what is right and your offering will be accepted.
  - 2) If you do not do what is right, it is because the sin that is trying to overtake you has succeeded.
7. What hope do we gain from the story of Cain? We learn that even with his decision to do things his way, God gave Cain another chance. God continued to talk and walk with Cain until he willfully left God’s presence.
8. Write in full the verse (with reference) that makes it clear that God delights in us long before we are born. Psalms 139: 13-14 – *“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”*

#### Lesson 15 – Keeping Trouble Out By Discipline

1. What do walls refer to in family life? In family life, walls are the boundaries you erect for the protection and control of your home – especially with children.
2. Which book of the Old Testament gives us the account of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem? Nehemiah
3. List four (4) reasons why the rebuilding of the Jerusalem wall was so important to Israel.
  - 1) Gangs of thieves were stealing anything they wanted from the city.
  - 2) There was no security inside the walls, so people were living with foreigners and idol worshippers.
  - 3) This close living led to marriage with those who did not know and follow God’s laws and ways.
  - 4) This intermarriage led to the loss of their language, culture, and religion.
4. In what four (4) ways does divine discipline give us the proper example to follow for disciplining our children?
  - 1) Divine discipline is proof that God loves His children. He will never abandon them or correct them abusively because He is angry with them.
  - 2) Divine discipline is meant to help His children become holy.
  - 3) Divine discipline may be painful, but should produce right living and peace with God.



- 4) To get the proper good out of divine discipline, it must be endured, remembering God's grace and love toward all His children.
5. What is the first step in building the walls of protection around our children? We begin by teaching our children the difference between right and wrong.
6. Write the African proverb (used in this lesson) that speaks about discipline at an early age.  
"When a plant is young and bending, it is easy to straighten him out."
7. List four (4) things needed as materials in our walls of discipline. Use Scripture to support.
  - 1) Respect – for elders (Hebrews 13:17) and each other (Romans 12:10)
  - 2) Love for God and obedience to His Word (John 14:15)
  - 3) Keeping God's temple in purity and honour (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4; Colossians 3:5-6; Ephesians 5:2-3)
  - 4) Seeking God's plan for all of life (Romans 12:1-2)
8. What two (2) things need to be done (as Nehemiah did) before we begin rebuilding the walls of discipline around our families? Support your answer with Scripture. Nehemiah 1:4 tells us that he:
  - 1) Mourned in repentance for the failure to follow God's ways;
  - 2) Fasted and prayed for God's intervention and blessing while working together with Him.

### Lesson 16 – Building an Ark . . . Again!

1. How old was Noah when God first spoke to him about building the ark? Noah was 480 years old.
2. How many children did Noah have when God told him to build the ark? None
3. What reason is given in Hebrews 11:7 for the building of the ark? The saving of his house (his descendants)
4. What four (4) things from Noah's life and ministry are difficult examples to follow?
  - 1) Noah preached for many years and no one believed him except those of his own house.
  - 2) Noah continued to build the ark in spite of rejection by all those around him.
  - 3) Noah built the ark while there was no sign of any need for it because God had told him of the coming destruction.
  - 4) Noah never questioned God's instructions, and never tried to change the plans he had been given.
5. What four (4) things do we all have in common with Noah and the instructions God gave him?
  - 1) God has called us to be responsible for the saving of our families.
  - 2) God has given clear directions and specific guidelines about the construction of the ark of safety through His Word.
  - 3) We cannot wait for circumstances or situations to be fine before beginning construction of the ark. Immediate obedience is necessary to get the job done.
  - 4) God's instructions may seem impossible, but if He has told us to do something, He will help get the job done.
6. What two (2) supplies or materials were mentioned in the Bible to be used for the building of the ark?
  - 1) Gopher wood (something like cypress)
  - 2) Pitch (a tar-like substance)
7. Why was it necessary for Noah to bring seven (7) of every type of "clean" beast into the ark? They were needed to offer sacrifices to God.
8. How was Noah's faith tested again as he entered the ark that he had built according to God's instructions? He could not steer the boat, he could not open the door to get out, and he had no idea where he was going, since God was in total control.
9. List three (3) things missing from Noah's ark that are commonly found on a boat.
  - 1) Rudder for steering
  - 2) Oars for paddling
  - 3) Sails for catching the wind
10. What four (4) lessons can we learn from Noah's extreme faith in God's plan?
  - 1) Obeying God's plan for our lives and ministry will mean depending entirely on God's timing.
  - 2) Obeying God's plan will mean trusting God for direction and guidance every step of the way.
  - 3) We cannot take over the steering if we remain in His ark of safety.
  - 4) God will not forget us, but will bring us safely through—all the way to exactly where He wants us to be.
11. What three (3) questions should we ask ourselves about the salvation of our children?
  - 1) Are we following the specific directions given by God in His Word to make sure our children are inside the ark of safety?
  - 2) Are we working to train our children from the time they are infants?

- 3) Are we consistently training our children in the ways of the Lord, making sure they follow His statutes all the days of their lives?

### Lesson 17 – Believing Means Obeying

1. What is the underlying principle of submission that makes the meaning very different from what most people think? Submission involves a free choice by someone to place themselves under the protection and guidance of another.
2. Give one (1) Scripture reference for each family member (husband, wife, and children) that makes it clear what God requires from them to produce godly families.
  - 1) Husband – Ephesians 5:25, 28-29
  - 2) Wife – Colossians 3:18; Ephesians 5:22; Genesis 3:16
  - 3) Children – Ephesians 6:1-3
3. What single financial principle will make a major difference in family values? Support with Scripture. Remember that God owns everything – Job 41:11 and Psalm 24:1 – (even our breath); and show that understanding by giving back to God the first one-tenth of everything (Malachi 3:8-10).
4. What one (1) question can we ask about finance that will “convert our purse?”  
“How much of God’s money should we spend on ourselves?”
5. List five (5) things that happen two or three times more often to children of divorce.
  - 1) Psychological problems
  - 2) Juvenile delinquency
  - 3) Suicide
  - 4) Less years of education
  - 5) Teen pregnancy and motherhood
6. Write one (1) Scripture (with reference) that Jesus gave about His feelings on divorce.  
Here are at least four choices:  
Matthew 5: 31-32 – *“It has been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.”*  
Matthew 19: 8-9 – *“He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”*  
Mark 10:11-12 – *“And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.”*  
Luke 16: 18 – *“Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.”*
7. Write one (1) Scripture (with reference) that Paul taught about divorce, quoting from Jesus’ teachings.  
1 Corinthians 7:10 – *And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.”*
8. What is the special reward that often comes as a result of “cleaving” in a marriage? Children
9. What three (3) things can parents do to help their children obey the commandment of God for their family life as found in Ephesians 6:1-3?
  - 1) Train their small children to obey and honor them with loving discipline and instruction in the things of God (Proverbs 13:24).
  - 2) Show their older children, by their own example, how to respect and follow the counsel of their parents and honor them with assistance whenever possible or needed (Matthew 15:1-6).
  - 3) Remind children often of the blessings on earth and the joy in eternity when they are obedient to God’s commandment (Ephesians 6:3).

### Lesson 18 – Bolting the Door

1. List eight (8) things that can be done to “save the marriage”. Give Scripture reference to support each.
  - 1) Have a determination to obey God’s Word (Romans 12:1).
  - 2) Understand that God’s will and purpose for marriage is for our benefit and pleasure (Genesis 2:18, 22-25).
  - 3) Keep in mind that we are made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27).

- 4) Keep yourself pure in body before marriage, and afterwards stay pure by faithfulness to your marriage partner (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4).
  - 5) Know your personal duties and obligations (Colossians 3:18; Ephesians 5:25, 28-29).
  - 6) Always walk with the Master (1 John 1:7).
  - 7) Pray together (Matthew 18:19-20).
  - 8) Never give up – keep working on your marriage (Colossians 3:23-24).
  2. List seven (7) ways to show affection to a spouse.
    - 1) Tell each other “I love you” often.
    - 2) Be physically affectionate (hold hands, hug each other, sit close together when talking).
    - 3) Express your love sexually.
    - 4) Mention the things you admire and appreciate about your partner.
    - 5) Share thoughts and feelings, talk about what is on your mind and heart, and confide in each other.
    - 6) Express love by giving gifts or doing little acts of kindness for each other.
    - 7) Find time to be alone together with your partner.
  3. What is the secret to resolving disagreements in a marriage? Use Bible principles to resolve conflicts in a way both parties feel they have been understood.
  4. List eleven (11) points to resolving a conflict. Support each with Scripture.
    - 1) Be patient – Proverbs 19:11.
    - 2) Stay calm – Ecclesiastes 10:4.
    - 3) Listen carefully – Proverbs 18:13.
    - 4) Do not answer too quickly – James 1:19.
    - 5) Speak gently – Proverbs 15:1.
    - 6) Be very careful when you do speak – Proverbs 13:3.
    - 7) Be careful not to cause the problem to get any worse – Proverbs 17:9.
    - 8) Do not seek revenge – Proverbs 24:29, Matthew 7:12.
    - 9) Do not say everything that comes to mind – Proverbs 26:20.
    - 10) Trust the Lord to solve your conflicts – Proverbs 20:22.
    - 11) Make sure everything is settled peacefully before you rest at night – Ephesians 4:26.
  5. What is one (1) basic commandment of Jesus that will help preserve the family more than anything else we can do?  
 Forgive – Matthew 6:14-15 – *“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”*
  6. How many times are we supposed to forgive? Matthew 18:22 – *“Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, until seventy times seven.”*
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