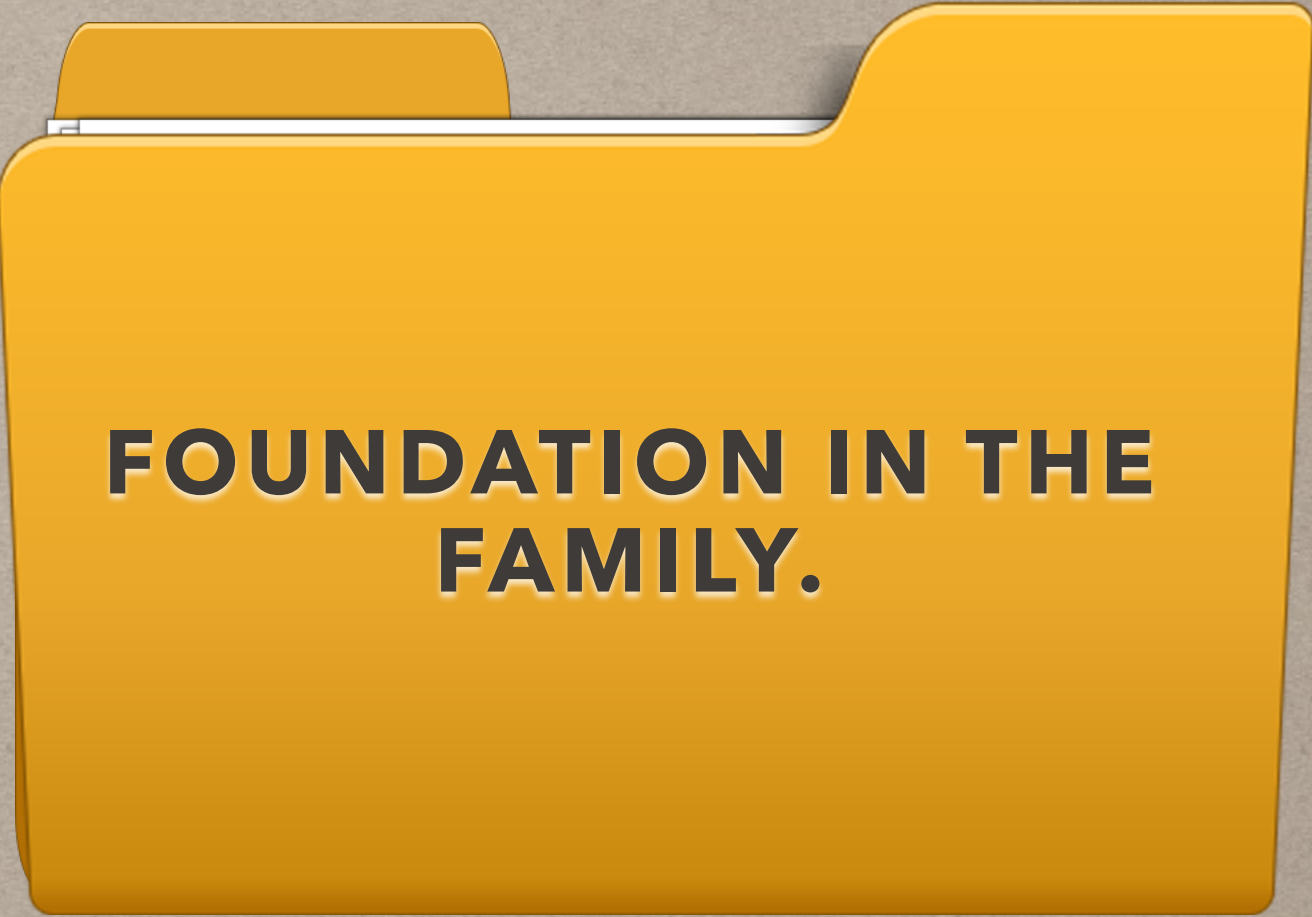


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**LAYING THE FOUNDATION IN
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THE FAMILY WAS INSTITUTED BY GOD IN THE BEGINNING OF CREATION.

A. Gen. 2:18-24 *"it is not good that man should be alone"*

1. It was God who made the woman for the man and presented her to the man.

2. Gen. 2:24 It was God who said *"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall be one flesh"*

3. Matt. 19:5 Jesus quoted it - *"For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?"*

B. The Hebrew terms for man and woman have significance.

1. Ish for man and Ishshah for woman.

2. The Hebrews could not speak the word for woman without being reminded of her closeness to man.

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A. Husbands and wives are to respect the divine arrangement. I Cor 11 :3. *"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God"*

B. The HUSBAND must have the right attitude toward his wife.

1. Eph. 5:25, 28-31 Love her as Christ loved the church.
2. Provide for her as Christ provided for the church (I Tim. 5:8; II Thess. 3:10).
3. The husband is to leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife (Gen. 2:24).
4. He is to be kind and treat his wife fairly.
 - a. Eph.4:32
 - b. Matt. 7:12
5. He is to honor her as the weaker vessel.
 - a. I Peter 3:7 *"dwell ... honour"*

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b. "Dwell" is, translated from a word which denotes domestic association, and sums up the relationships of the married state.

Men should seek to understand their wives and dwell with them according to knowledge.

c. "Honor" comes from the same word translated "precious" in 1 Peter 1:19. A man must regard his wife as precious and assign to her the honor that is due her. He promised in his marital vows to protect her, not persecute her.

c. The WIFE must have the right attitude toward her husband.

1. She must show herself a woman. She no longer lives in the world of dolls and make-believe.

2. Eph. 5:22-24 She is to love him (Titus 2:4-5).

3. I Peter 3:1, 5-6 The wife is to be in subjection to her husband and obey him. For the wife to rebel against this principle would show disrespect for both God and her husband (cf. Eph. 5:22-24).

4. God intended for her to be the "queen of the house" (1 Tim. 5:14). A wife needs to major in homemaking (Titus 2:5).

5. She is, to a large degree, the fiber that hold the family unit together.

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D. PARENTS are to have the right attitude toward their children, to love them and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). (cf. Provo 22:6; Gen. 18:19)

1. Nurture: "the training of a child, including instruction; discipline, correction, chastening."

a. It suggests the Christian discipline that regulates character. It is so used in Heb. 12:5, 7-8.

b. It is translated "instruction" in 2 Tim. 3:16.

2. Admonition: "a putting in mind." It involves "the training by word," whether of encouragement, or, if necessary by reproof.

3. Parents are to provide for the children's *physical, emotional* and *spiritual* needs (1 Tim. 5:8).

E. CHILDREN are to have the right attitude toward their parents -respect and obey them.

1. Eph. 6:1-3; Rom. 1:30

a. Don't refer to them as "old lady" or "old man."

b. Honor, respect, love and obey.

THE HOME AND FAMILY PROVIDES JOY, HAPPINESS AND WONDERFUL BLESSINGS WHEN THE RIGHT ATTITUDES ARE DEMONSTRATED.

A. Mark 10:9 "what therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"

1. "Joined" literally means: "to yoke together." A husband and wife are "yoked" so as to pull together.
2. Surely you can remember the days you were courting. You no doubt wanted to spend as much time together as you possibly could. You did not want to be separated.
3. Being together as a family, you can share the good times, sad times, have companionship, comfort, a feeling of being needed, useful, having understanding.

B. One of the joys of a Christian home is that **SOMEONE CARES FOR ME. SOMEONE SHARES WITH ME. SOMEONE UPON WHOM I CAN DEPEND.**

THERE MUST BE DISCIPLINE IN THE HOME.

Proverbs 13

24 He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

Proverbs 14

12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 19

18 Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction.

Proverbs 22

15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 23

13 Do not withhold correction from a child, For if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.

14 You shall beat him with a rod, And deliver his soul from hell.

Proverbs 29

15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother....

17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.