

The Blessed Life Session III

“Putting Your Family First”

I. Purpose of Marriage is to bring forth godly offspring, in other words a family.

Mal 2:15 But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

II. God personally wanted a family

- A. Ge.1:26-30 Then God said,” Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all\* the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup> And God said, “See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. <sup>30</sup> Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so.

III. In light of Ge.1 the goal and priorities for God’s family should also be for our families as well.

A. Relationship- Image- Children look like their parents and need an ongoing lifetime relationship with the parents

B. Character-Likeness

C. Dominion

1. Each family should have a winning spirit and atmosphere. Individuals within the family as well as the family itself should be experiencing progressive victory.

- a. In the spiritual realm. Your walk with God and thought life.
- b. In the physical realm. Your vocation and calling. Personal fitness and health goals
- c. Overcoming life's challenges that appear Goliath like as they rise before us.
- d. Improving relational challenges within the family (people's life situations change with time and therefore adjustments are needed within the family)

#### D. Fruitfulness

Making progress and accomplishment accompanied by a feeling of true satisfaction and contentment. It is illustrated by the saying, "life is good"

E. Multiply- As the above good values are working in your life and your family export it to the community and continue to pass it generationally

#### IV. How do we do it? (Each person in the family has to perform their task.)

A. Dad- He is the leader of the family and is directly accountable to God for his job.

1. Provider
2. Protector
3. Priest
4. To love his wife
5. To train his children without frustrating and exasperating them.
6. Ge.18:19 For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

B. Mom

1. Respect her husband and help him as a helper suitable.
2. Create an atmosphere of warmth and hospitality in the home. (home should feel like home to the family. Not sterile)
3. Provide nurture and comfort to the family members while truly enjoying them.

C. Children- Obey your parents, develop your values and skills  
Be aware, you are up next