

FAMILY MATTERS #9 - ORDERLINESS OF THE FAMILY

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13

We should desire to be servants to God, but service requires orderliness. A Christian home should be a preview of Heaven.

I. ORIGINAL ORDERLINESS

- A. God is a God of order (1 COR. 14:40)
 - 1. Everything around us is in order relationships
 - 2. Moons-planets / planets-stars / stars-galaxies
 - 3. Ice-water-vapor / day-night / birth-life-death
- B. The Godhead is in order in SENDING
 - 1. The Father sent the Son (JOHN 20:21)
 - 2. The Son sent the Holy Spirit (JOHN 16:7)
- C. The Godhead is in order in our PRAYING
 - 1. We pray in the power of the Sprit ROM. 8:26
 - 2. We pray in the name of the Son (JOHN 14:14)
 - 3. We pray to the Father (MATT. 6:9)

II. BIOLOGICAL ORDERLINESS

- A. God created male and female GEN.1:27
 - 1. He created Adam first then Eve GEN. 2:18-24
 - 2. "From" and "help" are not diminutive but orderly
- B. Children only after man and woman created GEN. 4:1
- C. Men and women are biologically different
 - 1. Physical and emotional make up are not the same
 - 2. Intelligence is equal but methodologies differ

III. SCRIPTURAL ORDERLINESS

- A. EVERYONE must submit themselves to God! JAMES 4:6-7
 - 1. All to Authority (spiritual) (HEB. 13:17)
 - 2. Younger to Elder (1 PET. 5:5)
 - 3. Christians to Civil Law (1 PET. 2:13)
- B. Wives submit to their OWN husbands EPH. 5:22
 - 1. NOT permission to be domineering EPH 5:23-29
 - 2. IF SAFE, even unequally yoked (1 COR. 7:12-16)
- C. Children submit to their parents EPH. 6:1-4
 - 1. Children must not be allowed to run the home
 - 2. God admonishes fathers to not provoke to wrath!

IV. PREFERENTIAL ORDERLINESS

- A. Priorities must be kept in relationships
- B. God first - Wife second - Children third

1 COR. 14:40 - "Let all things be done decently and in order."

JOHN 20:21 - "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

JOHN 16:7 - "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

JOHN 14:14 - "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

MATT. 6:9 - "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

HEB. 13:17 - "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

1 PET. 5:5 - "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

1 PET. 2:13 - "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;"

1 COR. 7:12-16 - "But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. (13) And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. (14) For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. (15) But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. (16) For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?"