

BASIC FAMILY LIFE
INTRODUCTION

God has a wonderful purpose for your life. Success in life for every person, including you, will be determined by whether or not they fulfilled God's purpose. In order to find and fulfill God's purpose we must learn how to live for Jesus in our family relationships every day. That is what this study is designed to help you do.

Each lesson has three parts: {1} the Scripture study, {2} Basic Questions, and {3} Scripture memory. The scripture study will teach you the truth of God's word. The basic questions will help you apply the truth to your life. The scripture memory will help you hide the truth in your heart.

In this study you will learn how to be a godly man or woman, how to be the husband or wife God wants you to be, how to raise your children in the Lord, how to deal with being single, and how to minister to lost loved ones.

Begin each lesson with prayer. Write the answers in your own words. Ask God to help you live what you learn.

May God bless you as you study His word.

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LESSON I

MAN
(How to be a Man)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. In who's image was man made? Genesis 1:26-27 _____
2. What was God's purpose for man? Genesis 1:28, Psalm 115:16; 8:5-8

3. What did man do that has made this purpose difficult? Genesis 3

4. How can a man overcome satan and fulfill God's purpose for his life? 1 John 1:9; 5:4-5, Matthew 6:33, John 1:29, Revelation 12:10-11

5. What has God given men in order to help them fulfill God's purpose for their life? Ephesians 4:8, Romans 12:6; 11:29

6. How does a man get the wisdom to use his gift? Proverbs 1:7; 9:9-10; 13:20, James 1:5

7. How does a man find his place in life? Proverbs 18:16

8. What happens when a man does not use his gift to serve God? Matthew 25:14-30

9. Who guides men's lives? Proverbs 16:9 _____
10. What should a man's attitude be toward life? Ecclesiastes 3:22; 2:24-26

11. How should a man relate to other people? 1 John 4:7, Galatians 5:13-14, 1 Timothy 5:1-2

12. When we love others the way God tells us to do, what happens? Romans 12:21

13. What are the results of overcoming evil through the power of God? Revelation 21:7

BASIC QUESTIONS: (for men only) To help you live what you studied.

1. Do you see yourself as a man made in God's image? yes__no__
If not, ask God to make this truth a reality to your heart right now.

2. Have you given your heart to Jesus and are you living to fulfill God's purpose for your life? yes__no__
If not, pray this prayer from your heart right now.

Dear God, thank you for the love you showed in Jesus. I need you. I turn from satan and the things of this world. I open my heart and repent of my sins. Jesus, I believe you died for my sins and rose again. Come into my heart and save my soul. Be my Lord and Savior and take control of my life. Fill me with your Holy Spirit so I can live for you. Thank you for hearing my prayer, in Jesus' name I pray, amen.

3. Have you found the gift God has given you? yes__no__
If not, ask God to show it to you.

4. Are you trying to be something you are not instead of seeking to find a life within God's gifts for you? yes__no__
If yes, repent and ask God to help you live to use your gifts for His service right now.

5. Are you rejoicing in God's purpose for your life? yes__no__
If no, ask God to give you a thankful heart right now.

6. Do you seek to overcome the evil in this world by showing love to people around you? yes__no__
If no, repent and ask God's help.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing
PSALMS 115:16.

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LESSON II

WOMEN
(How to be a Woman)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. In whose image were women made? Genesis 1:26-27 _____

2. What was God's purpose for women? Genesis 1:28; 2:18

3. What did woman do that made this purpose difficult? Genesis 3

4. How can a woman overcome satan and fulfill God's purpose for her life? 1 John 1:9; 5:4-5, John 1:29, Revelation 12:10-11, Matthew 6:33

5. What has God given women in order to help them fulfill God's purpose for their life? 1 Corinthians 11:3,6,8-11, 1 Timothy 2:11-14, Ephesians 4:8

6. How does a woman get the wisdom to be a woman? Proverbs 1:7; 9:10, 31:30, James 1:5, Titus 2:3-5

7. How does a woman find her place in life? Proverbs 14:1; 31:31, Matthew 26:6-13, Acts 9:36

8. What is a woman like who does not live according to God's wisdom? Proverbs 14:1; 9:13-17; 30:20, 2 Timothy 3:6

9. What will happen to the woman who lives wickedly? Proverbs
10:27-30, 13:9

10. What promise does the woman have who lives according to Godly
principles? Proverbs 3:5-8

11. What should a woman's attitude be toward life? Philippians 4:4-7

12. How should a woman relate to other people? 1 John 4:7,
Galatians 5:13-14, 1 Timothy 5:1-2

13. When we love others the way God tells us to do what happens?
Romans 12:21

14. What are the results of overcoming evil through the power of
God? Revelation 21:7

BASIC QUESTIONS: (for women only) To help you live what you studied.

1. Do you see yourself as a woman made in God's image? yes___no___
If not, ask God to make this truth real in your heart right now.
2. Have you given your heart to Jesus? yes___no___
If not, pray this prayer from your heart.

Dear God, thank you for the love you showed in Jesus. I need you. I turn from satan and the things of this world. I open my heart and repent of my sins. Jesus, I believe you died for my sins and rose again. Come into my heart and save my soul. Be my Lord and Savior and take control of my life. Fill me with your Holy Spirit so I can live for you. Thank you for hearing my prayer, in Jesus' name I pray, amen.

3. Are you living to fulfill God's purpose for your life by being a helpmate in the household God has placed you in? yes___no___
If not, ask God to help you do this.
4. Are you clamorous and trying to be a man instead of accepting the womanly calling God has given you realizing that the eternal reward is the same as for Godly men? yes___ no___ If yes, repent now and ask God to give you a heart that accepts God's role for your life.
5. Are you rejoicing in God's purpose for your life? yes___ no___
If no, repent and ask God to give you a thankful heart right now.
6. Do you seek to overcome the evil in this world by showing love to people around you? yes___ no___
If no, repent right now and ask God to help you do this.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word
in your heart by memorizing
GENESIS 2:18.

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LESSON III

HUSBAND
(How to be a godly Husband)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. What does God say about finding a wife? Proverbs 18:22

2. What does God consider a marriage? Matthew 19:4-6

3. Who should a Christian marry? 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

4. What position does the husband have in the family?
Ephesians 5:23

5. What responsibility does the husband have toward his wife?
Ephesians 5:25,28-29,33, Colossians 3:19, 1 Corinthians 7:3,
1 Peter 3:7

6. What are God's guidelines for sex in marriage? Hebrews 13:4,
1 Corinthians 7:4-5

7. What is the husband's responsibility concerning providing for
the needs of his family? 1 Timothy 5:8

BASIC QUESTIONS: (for husbands only) To help you live what you studied.

1. Do you see your wife as a gift from God? yes___ no___
If no, pray right now asking God to help you see her as a gift from Him.
2. Are you fulfilling your position as head of the family by praying for the members of your family and being concerned about their needs? yes___ no___
If not, repent and pray right now asking God to help you be the head of your house.
3. Are you loving your wife the way God wants you to by honoring her and seeking to meet her needs? yes___ no___
If not, pray right now asking God to help you do it.
4. Are you being faithful to your marriage vows? yes___ no___
If not, repent right now and ask God to help you be a faithful husband.
5. Are you seeking to meet all the needs of your family; the spiritual emotional, and mental, as well as the physical and material? yes___ no___
If not, pray right now asking God to help you minister to all the needs of your family.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing
EPHESIANS 5:25.

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LESSON IV

WIFE
(How to be a godly Wife)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. What does God consider a marriage? Matthew 19:4-6

2. Who should a Christian marry? 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

3. What is the wife suppose to do in relationship to her husband?
Ephesians 5:22,24, Colossians 3:18, 1 Peter 3:1-6

4. What responsibility does the godly wife have in meeting her
family's needs? Proverbs 31:10-28

5. How will this affect her relationship to her husband?
Proverbs 12:4

6. What are God's guidelines for sex in marriage? Hebrews 13:4,
1 Corinthians 7:4-5

7. What does God say about having children? 1 Timothy 2:15,
Psalm 113:9

BASIC QUESTIONS: (for wives only) To help you live what you studied.

1. Are you submitted to your husband as unto the Lord? yes___ no___
If not, pray right now for God to give you the grace and wisdom to submit to your husband.
2. Are you fulfilling your responsibilities as a wife and mother?
yes___ no___
If not, pray right now asking God to help you be the Christian wife and mother you should be.
3. Do you see part of your call in life is to be a mother of children and help fill the earth? (Genesis 1:28) yes___ no___
If not, ask God to give you clear understanding in this area.

FOOTNOTE: One of the lies of humanism is that the world is overpopulated. The truth is that all the people in the world could fit in any major city in America. There is more than enough food to feed everyone that is why America pays its farmers not to grow food.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing
EPHESIANS 5:22.

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LESSON V

PARENTING
(How to raise Children)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. Who gives us our Children? Psalms 127:3-5 _____

2. What is the father's responsibility to his children? Ephesians
6:4, Colossians 3:21, Joshua 24:15

3. What is the mother's responsibility to the children? Titus 2:4,
Proverbs 31:27

4. How do we teach children to live for Jesus?
Deuteronomy 6:3-9, 11:18-21

5. What hinders children from learning to live for Jesus, and how
do you deal with it? Proverbs 22:15; 23:13-14; 13:24; 19:18;
29:15

6. What is the most important thing we can do for our children?
Mark 10:14

7. What is God's promise to us when we raise our children according
to His word? Proverbs 22:6

8. What will happen if we fail to train our children in the things
of God? Proverbs 29:15

9. What will you be to your children and what will they be to you if you live for Jesus? Proverb 17:6

10. What will your children receive if you live for Jesus? Proverbs 13:22

BASIC QUESTIONS: (for parents only) To help you live what you studied.

1. Do you see your children as a gift from God? yes___ no___
If no, pray right now and ask God to make this truth real to your heart.
2. Are you as a father or mother taking care of your responsibility as a parent? yes___ no___
If not, repent and ask God right now to help you fulfill your responsibility as a parent.
3. Are the things of God a regular part of your conversation with your children? yes___ no___
If not, repent and ask God to help speak of His truth to your children on a daily basis.
4. Do you lovingly yet firmly discipline your children when they disobey you? yes___ no___
If not, repent and ask God to help you give them godly discipline.
5. Do you realize that your future depends on what you do with your children right now? yes___ no___
If not, ask God to make this truth a reality to your heart.
6. Are you seeking to help your children to make a commitment to live for Jesus? yes___ no___
If not, ask God right now to help you make a commitment to do this and to show you how to do it.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing MARK 10:14.

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LESSON VI

BEING CHILDREN
(How to be a Child)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. What must we learn to be in order to be part of God's kingdom?
Mark 10:15
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2. In what way should we always remain a child? 1 Corinthians 14:20
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3. What is the child's responsibility to their parents?
Ephesians 6:1-3 Colossians 3:20
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4. What should you do if your parents ask you to disobey God?
Deuteronomy 27:10; 30:19-20, Daniel 1:6-21
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5. What will happen if children fail to obey their parents?
Proverbs 30:17
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6. What should a child seek to do as a Christian? 2 Timothy 2:22,
1 Timothy 4:12, Ecclesiastes 12:1
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7. As a child what is our responsibility to our parents when we
grow up? Proverbs 23:22, 1 Timothy 5:4
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BASIC QUESTIONS: (How to be a Child) To help you live what you studied.

1. Do you have the humble loving attitude of a child? yes___no___
If not, ask God right now to give it to you.
2. Do you seek to honor and obey your parents as much as you can?
yes___ no___
If not, repent and ask God right now to help you do this.
3. Do you seek to be a godly example no matter what your age?
yes___ no___
If not, repent and ask God right now to help you do this.
4. Are you continuing to fulfill your responsibility to your parents as you grow up? yes___ no___
If not, repent and ask God right now to help you do this.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing
1 CORINTHIANS 14:20.

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LESSON VII

SINGLE
(How to be Single)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. What does the Bible say about being single? Matthew 19:10-12,
1 Corinthians 7:1,8,17,
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2. What is the advantage of being single? 1 Corinthians 7:32,34-35
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3. Why should a person not remain single? 1 Corinthians 7:2,9
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4. Should a single person live alone? Ecclesiastes 4:9-12,
Psalms 68:6
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BASIC QUESTIONS: (for Singles only) To help you live what you studied.

1. Has God called you to be single or married? yes___ no___
If so, seek God's wisdom and strength to fulfill your calling.
2. Do you live alone? yes___ no___
If yes, seek God about opening a door to live with other Christians of the same sex or a family.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing
1 CORINTHIANS 7:17.

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LESSON VIII

SEXUAL STANDARDS
(God's Morality)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each questions using the scriptures given.

1. Why did God give us our bodies? 1 Corinthians 6:13-19

2. What does God say about sex before marriage, adultery, and sexual perversion? Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:5-7

3. What happens to us when we engage in sexual immorality?
1 Corinthians 6:18, Proverbs 6:26-29

4. What does the Bible say about an immoral woman?
Proverbs 23:27-28, 9:13-18

5. What does the Bible say about an immoral man? Proverbs 6:32

6. How does a person overcome sexual temptations? 1 Corinthians
6:18, 2 Timothy 2:22, James 4:4-10

7. When is sex okay? Hebrews 13:4 _____

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.

1. Do you realize sex outside of marriage and sexual perversion are wrong? yes___ no___

If not, ask God to make this truth a reality to your heart.

2. Have you repented of all improper sexual attitudes and acts in your life? yes___ no___

If not, do it right now.

3. Do you flee when faced with sexual temptations? yes___ no___

If not, repent and ask God right now to help you do it.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing HEBREWS 13:4.

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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. How does God feel about divorce? Malachi 2:16 _____

2. Why does God allow divorce? Matthew 19:8

3. On what grounds may a man divorce his wife? Matthew 5:32

4. When is a man free to remarry? Matthew 19:9, 1 Corinthians 7:27-28

5. On what grounds may a woman divorce her husband and can she
remarry? 1 Corinthians 7:10-11,39, Romans 7:2

6. How does God look upon those who violate His rules concerning
divorce and marriage? Mark 10:11-12

7. What happens to a society that violates God's word concerning
marriage and divorce? Jeremiah 23:10; 5:7-9, 13:25-27; 29:22-23,
Hosea 4:1-3

8. What should we do when we find we have violated God's law
concerning marriage and divorce? 1 Corinthians 7:17,24,27,10-11,
1 John 1:9

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.

1. Do you hate divorce? yes___no___
If not, ask God to help you see it as He sees it, and hate it like He hates it.
2. Have you violated God's truth concerning marriage and divorce?
yes___ no___
If yes, repent and seek as much as possible to make it right.
3. Have you allowed others to violate God's truth concerning divorce and marriage by failing to share it with them or sharing something other than His word? yes___ no___
If yes, repent and ask God to help you live and speak His word concerning marriage and divorce.
4. Do you pray that the curse of divorce be removed from your country? yes___ no___
If no, begin to do it right now.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing MALACHI 2:16.

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LESSON X

BROKEN HOMES
(How to deal with broken homes)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each question using the scriptures given.

1. What is God's desire for the man who is divorced? Ephesians 5:25, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, 1 Timothy 5:8

2. What is God's desire for the woman who is divorced?
1 Corinthians 7:11,

3. How does God view His people when their families are broken because of sin? Jeremiah 14:17

4. What does God desire to do with those brokenhearted over their family situation? Psalms 147:3, Isaiah 61:1

5. What will God become to us, if we let Him, that helps heal our broken hearts and minister to our needs? Psalms 10:14; 146:9; 68:5 Isaiah 54:5

6. What should we guard against when dealing with broken relationships? Hebrews 12:15

7. What should we do that will help change our situation and heal our broken heart? Matthew 5:44

8. What does God ask us to do about our situation if we are from a broken home? 1 Corinthians 7:26-27, 39-40, Philippians 4:11-12, James 5:16,

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.

1. Do you realize that God desires broken homes to be restored if at all possible? yes__ no__
If not, ask God to make this truth real to you.
2. Are you encouraging those involved in broken homes to believe God for reconciliation? yes__ no__
If not, begin to do so today.
3. Do you realize that the only way for people to have their broken hearts healed is through a relationship with Jesus? yes__ no__
If not, ask God to make this truth real to you and to help you minister His love to the brokenhearted.
4. Are you encouraging people from broken homes to look to their relationship with Jesus to help meet their spiritual and emotional needs rather than seeking earthly relationships to meet those needs? yes__ no__
If not, begin to do so today.
5. Are you encouraging those from broken homes to keep their situation in prayer before the Lord releasing forgiveness for hurts and trusting God to meet their needs and heal them?
yes__ no__ If not, begin to do so today.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing PSALMS 147:3.

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LESSON XI

UNSAVED LOVED ONES
(How to be a witness to your family)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each questions using the scriptures given.

1. What is God's promise concerning unsaved loved ones? Acts 16:31

2. What must a wife do in order for unsaved love ones to be saved?
1 Peter 3:1-2, 1 Corinthians 7:13-16, Proverbs 22:6

3. What must a husband do in order for unsaved love ones to be saved? Ephesians 6:4, 1 Corinthians 7:12, 14-16, Ephesians 5:25, Colossians 3:19

4. What must a child do in order for unsaved love ones to be saved?
Ephesians 6:1-2, 1 Timothy 4:12

5. What does God's word say about how to deal with the difficulties we face in living with unsaved people? Romans 12:17-21

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.

1. Do you believe God can save your family members who are not living for Jesus? yes___ no___
If not, pray right now asking God to give you the faith to believe for their salvation.

2. Are you doing what you need to do in order to help them live for Jesus? yes___ no___
If not, ask God right now to help you do your part to bring them to Christ.

3. Are you showing them the love of Jesus in the way you deal with them each day? yes___ no___
If not, ask God to help you love them with the love of Jesus.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing ACTS 16:31.

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LESSON XII

FAMILY FINANCES
(Biblical principles of finances)

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Answer each questions using the scriptures given.

1. Who is responsible for taking care of the material needs of the family? 1 Timothy 5:8

2. How does a man get God's help to do this? Deuteronomy 8:18, Matthew 6:31-33, Philippians 4:19

3. What responsibility does the women have in meeting the families needs? Titus 2:4-5, Proverbs 31:10-31

4. What must a person do in order to be part of God's kingdom and receive God's blessings? Matthew 4:17, Acts 3:19, 2 Timothy 1:9, Romans 11:29, Ephesians 5:17, Matthew 25:14-30

5. What type of attitude should a person have toward work? Ephesians 4:28, 6:6-7

6. What type of work habits should a person have? Proverbs 14:23, 13:11, 10:4&16

7. What should we do with the things God blesses us with?
Proverbs 3:9-10, Malachi 3:10-11, Matthew 6:19-21,
1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:12-15, 9:6-8

8. What should we not do in handling money? Romans 13:8, Proverbs
22:26, 17:18

9. According to 1Timothy 6:6-10 what attitude toward material
things brings contentment?

10. What should guide our spending? 1Corinthians 10:31

11. What will keep God from helping us meet the needs of our
family? Deuteronomy 28:15-20

12. What will happen to our family if we live according to God's
principles? Deuteronomy 28:1-13

BASIC QUESTIONS: To help you live what you studied.

1. Do you see what you need to do in order to help provide for your family? yes no
If no, pray right now and ask God to show you.
2. Are you seeking to do God's will in your life, and trusting he will meet your needs as you do it? yes no
If no, repent and ask God to help you do it right now.
3. Do you have the right attitude toward work, and good work habits so God can bless you on your job? yes no
If no, repent, and ask God to help you have a good attitude and good work habits.
4. Are you honoring God by the way you handle your money?
 yes no If no, repent and ask God to help you do it right now.

MEMORIZE: Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing
PHILIPPIANS 4:19

APPENDIX A

RAISING YOUR CHILDREN IN THE LORD POINTS TO REMEMBER

- I. Be sure the advice you give your children is based on and consistent with Bible principles not just the current thinking of society.
- II. Be sure the decisions you make as parents are based and consistent with Bible principles.
- III. PRE SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY AGE: Set aside time each night to read to them from the Bible or a good Bible story book. Help them to understand BASIC Bible truths such as don't lie or steal, and love God with all your heart. Also, memorize the books of the Bible and key Bible verses.
- IV. TEEN AGE: Have family devotions in which they participate. Help them to learn the BASIC Bible principles of personal life, family life, church life, evangelism, and discipleship; and to apply them to their lives. Also, they should memorize key chapters of the Bible.