Family Relationships

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INTRODUCTION

- It is an accurate depiction of how we are today. It is a shame and a disgrace where we're headed.
- The home in this generation, which is the fabric of that society, has been decimated. It has been fragmented, it has been torn into shreds.

1 Return to God's Law of Order

- We must turn back, ladies and gentlemen, to God's order, to how God had it planned, to the way God wanted it done.
- The head of every man is Christ. And the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God. That is what I have chosen to call God's law. God's law of order.
- That no more indicates weakness in the woman when she submits to the headship of the man than it indicates weakness in Christ when he submits to the headship of God.
- And as goes the home, ladies and gentlemen, so goes society. The home was the very first divine arrangement by God.
- Just because there is no immediate punishment for disregarding these things does not mean that's not going to happen.

2 Love Is the Predicate of a Good Marriage

1 Corinthians 13:1–5

- To make marriage work, there must first of all be love. Love is the predicate on which a good marriage is formed.
- If you want a marriage to work, you'll have to learn to suffer long with a mate.
- Humility is putting yourself at the disposal of her. It's putting yourself at the disposal of him.
- If we're going to be good husbands, we must love our wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for it.
- You ought to hold hands with your wife all the time. Because that's how love operates. It humbles itself and makes itself accessible all the time.
- If you're gonna have a good marriage, you're gonna have to learn to have a fuss. There's a certain way to have a fuss.

3 Wives Love Their Husbands as a Help Meet

- Wives need to love their husbands and seek their best interests.
- He looked at the man and saw that he needed help. And he gave a help meet. And there's nothing wrong with that.

- The woman's role is this to make the man become all that he can become, is the first manifestation of her love for him.
- Don't we understand that marriage is togetherness? That's what it's all about. They twain shall become one flesh.

4 Love Rejoices Not in Iniquity but in the Truth

1 Corinthians 13:6–8; 1 Corinthians 13:13

- No marriage is going to hold together very long that is based on human philosophy.
- Whatever happened to just simple conversation.
- Truth has to constantly be brushed off. You've got to keep it shining all the time.
- Faith, hope, and love ought to be characteristic of the marriage relationship.

5 Good Children, the Finest Product of a Godly Family

- Good children are the finest product of a godly family.
- We need to teach our children to have their own faith. And that starts when they're little teeny.
- Children, obey your parents and the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with promise.
- Love them enough to discipline them, love them enough to teach them about God.
- Don't love them to the exclusion of your mate.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let's remember what he said about regulating our families. And let's love our husbands. Love our wives. Love our children. But first of all, let us love our God, and the other will come along in the right course.**

MY NOTES