In The Home (Honoring God)

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INTRODUCTION

- We know in Romans the 12th chapter, the first two verses, it talks about us living a transformed life, not being conformed to the world.
- I know of no subject more important than this one that we've conformed to the world on. That is the fact of how loose we've let the Lord's work be done in our homes.

1 Are They Qualified to Be Married?

James 5:19–20

- Who's qualified? One that has never been married before, one that has been married whose spouse has died, one who has been married whose spouse committed fornication, they put him away.
- You need to straighten your marriage situation out immediately. Because salvation depends on you living a life according to God's word.
- In a changing world, though, that happens, we forget that eternal principles never change.

2 Marriage Is Honorable: One Man, One Woman for Life

- Therefore shall a man leave his mother and father and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
- He means for us to understand the importance of marriage of one woman, one man for life.
- We look at it, and instead of trying to work things out, we go to the divorce.
- Marriage is honorable among all. And the marriage bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers, God will judge.

3 Love Your Wife, Respect Your Husband

Ephesians 5:33; Ephesians 5:25–27; Proverbs 31

- Let each one of us, of you in particular, love his own wife as himself.
- Love your wife as she wants. But wives, also, we need to understand that you need to give him the respect he desires.
- It's work to do these things. It takes work. Marriage is going to take work.
- Husbands, regardless of her respect, you love her. That's God's word. One man, one woman for life.
- Love your wife just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for her.

4 Things That Make Your Marriage Work

- The relationship between the husband and wife is an amazing relationship that God wants to flourish.
- We need to think about guarding our reputation, our name. Be accountable to one another.
- Communicate with one another. Practice forgiveness. But most importantly, practice honesty.

- Men, if you're the husband, the head of your household, you will be held spiritually in judgment for how spiritual your household is.

5 What Kind of Father Will I Be?

Jeremiah 9:23–24; Judges 2:10; Ecclesiastes 12

- Know the God of your father. Serve him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands the intent of the thoughts.
- He can have all the degrees, have all the trophies, but if he misses heaven, he has missed everything God has planned for that child.
- Taking them out of Bible classes, taking them out of worship services, to do social events like that, we are weakening the spirituality of that child.
- When they open their Bibles, let them remember me as one who taught them about God's word.

6 Reflections on Mothers

2 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 3:10–17

- Mothers, you've got a lot of responsibility on your plate.
- Then she came and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.
- The genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice.
- Let me ask this, mothers, grandmothers. Would Paul say that to you about your grandchildren?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you're in an unscriptural marriage, straighten that out tonight. Heaven awaits those who obey and yield themselves to God.**

MY NOTES