



Families In Focus

“Proverbs & The Home”

- Introduction:
1. “Family Values” are indeed an important issue in our present society.
 2. We like Israel have “sowed the wind and have reaped the whirlwind” (Hosea 8:7).
 3. The book of Proverbs is well suited to offer counsel for strengthening our homes.
 4. The following is advice the wise man gave us to heed.

I. Characteristics Of Strong Families Portrayed In Proverbs

A. The Wife Must...

1. Be trustworthy (Proverbs 31:11).
2. Have an enduring love (Proverbs 31:12).
3. Develop the inner person (Proverbs 31:25).
4. Speak wisdom and kindness (Proverbs 31:26).
5. Not be contentious (Proverbs 21:9,19).

B. The Husband Must...

1. Praise his wife (31:28-29).
2. Be content with the wife of his youth (5:15-21).

C. The Family Must...

1. Guard their name and reputation (Proverbs 22:1).
2. Be accountable to one another (Proverbs 12:15; 27:17).
3. Practice forgiveness (Proverbs 17:9).
4. Practice honesty (Proverbs 21:2-3).
5. Practice reverence (Proverbs 14:26; 16:3).
6. Practice contentment (Proverbs 15:16; 16:8).
7. Practice respect (Proverbs 16:31; 23:22).
8. Communicate (Proverbs 25:11).

- Conclusion:
1. Proverbs advice for the home could be summarized by the following five points:
 - a. Love one another and God.
 - b. Administer discipline with loving concern.
 - c. Practice consistency which provides security in standards and morals.
 - d. Be the kind of example that instills deep faith in God.
 - e. Be the kind of family that places God first in all of its decisions.

