

CLASS NOTES - THE HOME AS GOD WOULD HAVE IT

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CLASS DESCRIPTION:

1. This class will seek to study the home, as God would have it to be.
 - A. Emphasis will be given to the Husband and Father in the home, the Wife and Mother in the home, and the Children in the home.
 - B. Problems will be addressed that are confronting the home today.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

1. The book *The Christian Home*, by P.D. Wilmeth is to be read during the quarter.
 - A. A reading log is to be kept.
 1. Instructions concerning reading log.
 - A. Keep a typewritten log of your reading, with dates and chapters read.
 1. Your log should be turned in to instructor no later than the beginning of class day during the finals week – late papers count one grade per day off.
 - B. A book report is to be written on this book.
 1. The report should consist of between three (3) and five (5) double spaced typewritten pages, Times New Roman 12 Font, and should include pertinent information to the subject of this course and should be turned in to instructor no later than the beginning of class day during the finals week – late papers count one grade per day off
 2. Your book report will count for 10% of your total course grade.
3. Tests:
 - A. Two scheduled tests will be administered.
 1. Each will account for 45% of your total score.
 2. Any additional credit will be at the instructor's discretion.
4. Memory Verses:
 - A. The following verses are to be committed to memory:
 1. Genesis 2:18
 2. Proverbs 22:6
 3. Ephesians 6:4.
 - B. Memory work should be done in the ASV, ESV, KJV, or NKJV unless the instructor grants permission to use another version.
5. Recommended Reading (* indicates members of the church):
 - A. *Marry Only In The Lord*, Bruce Curd. *
 - B. *Your Marriage Can Be Great*, Thomas B. Warren, editor. *
 - C. *Do Yourself A Favor: Love Your Wife*, H. Page Williams.
 - D. *What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women*, James Dobson.
 - E. *Living Together In Knowledge*, Don McWhorter. *
 - F. *Marriage Is For Husbands Too*, Joe Glenn. *
 - G. *How To Convert Your Husband*, Don Humphrey. *
 - I. *The Truth About Rock*, Steve Peters, Mark Littleton.

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INTRODUCTION:

1. There is a dire need for a comprehensive study of the home, as God would have it to be!
 - A. This study will be directed at the home, as the scriptures would indicate that it should be.
2. It is not a lesson, per se, on the "Christian home," but on the home in general.
 - A. Let me say in the beginning that I make no claim to be an authority on the home.
 - B. However, in reading after those who claim to be authorities I have come to the conclusion that I know as much or more about it than they.
 1. Not because I am smarter than they, but because I have read the "Owner's Manual" on the subject, the Bible, and many of them have not.
3. Our study will deal with the purpose of the home and conclude with seeing what God expects it to be.
 - A. We will note several statistics and consult differing materials in order to assist us in realizing the state of the home in our society.
 1. I am convinced that once we have realized the condition of the home in past and present generations we will be vitally interested in seeking the information needed to correct the situation.
4. Our goal in examining the home is two-fold:
 - A. Preventive – To set forth information to encourage those who are yet unmarried to examine marriage and be aware what lies ahead.
 1. Often people say "Love is blind," to which I reply, "And marriage is an eye opener."
 2. With that in mind it seems better to enter marriage "wide-eyed" than to end up in divorce court in a few weeks, months, or years.
 3. We may also prevent some problems that might arise in the family life down the road by such a study.
 - B. Healing - Perhaps we can discuss some wounds that might open in the future in congregations where we work.
 1. If there is a marriage there will be problems or disagreements.
 - A. People who say they have never had a disagreement in their marriage always cause me to want to ask, "What else do they lie about."
 2. Problems will come, and one should seek to be prepared for these problems.
5. As preachers you will find yourself having to deal with marriage problems from time to time.
 - A. The more prepared you are to deal with them, the better job you will do.

BODY:

1. FOUNDATION FACTS FOR MARRIAGE:

- A. The proper foundation for the home is God.
 1. No structure is any stronger than the foundation – Matthew 7:24-27; Luke

- 6:48.
2. If God is not one's foundation and builder then they labor in vain - Psalm 127:1.
 3. Rely on Him and His Word in all things – Psalm 37:5.
 4. If spouses do not have respect for God, they will have no respect for each other.
 - A. This is also true the other way, if spouses have no respect for one another they will seldom have respect for God and His commands concerning marriage.
- B. God joins together.
1. Matthew 19:6 "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."
 2. God is a witness of this covenant – Malachi 2:14.
 3. It is not good to be alone - Genesis 2:18-25.
 4. Adam was alone so God made him a "help meet."
 5. Eve was "bone" of Adam's "bone," i.e., taken from his rib.
- C. Reasons for marriage:
1. Companionship - Genesis 2:18.
 - A. Not good to be alone.
 2. Replenish earth - Genesis 1:28.
 3. For sexual fulfillment - 1 Corinthians 7:5; Hebrews 13:4.
 - A. This may be a difficult subject to approach, but it needs to be discussed.
- D. Marriage:
1. Is permanent for life - Romans 7:1, 2.
 2. Is a covenant before God – Malachi 2:14.
 3. Is a leaving and cleaving – Genesis 2:24.
 4. Demands commitment and responsibility.
 5. Consider 1 Corinthians 7:1-40; Matthew 19:6.
 - A. See Appendix # 1, "*Foolish Reasons for Getting Married.*"
- E. The vows:
1. Solemn.
 2. "...do you take..." indicates a voluntary choice.
 3. "Lawfully wed," expresses the idea of being "glued to."
 4. Joined by God.
 5. Not to be severed by man.
- F. Emotions:
1. Husband and wife are emotionally different.
 - A. Wife may cry and husband will have no idea why.

2. WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE FAMILY?

- A. I really do not believe that anyone would be so ignorant of what is going on to say that such a study is not needed.
 1. But just in case the following will help us see the necessity of such a study.
- B. U.S. News & World Report, Article, June 16, 1980; "Bent but not Broken."

1. "We were all aware that there have been big changes in the family but the extent of those changes astounded us as we began to look into the situation. It seems to point to a major restructuring of our society, from tax codes to school systems."
 - A. "More than half the nation's mothers work outside the home."
 - B. "Six out of ten married women with school age children work outside the home."
 - C. "64% of all children between the ages 3 and 5 spend part of their day in facilities outside their home."
 - D. "45% of the children born in 1978 may spend at least part of their childhoods with only one parent."
 - E. "More than 2.7 million men and women live together unmarried, buying and selling houses and even raising the children of one or both partners' previous marriage."
 - F. "Live-in companions can qualify for 'palimony.'"
 - G. "61% of the families polled considered their family the most important element in their lives, but nearly half said family life had gotten worse."
 1. 39% considered the home less than most important.
 2. Survey not taken with a view toward religion, so these 39% did not say God was the most important.
 - H. Marriages performed in 1940 - 1,595,879; 1987 - 2,403,378; 2001 - 2,327,000, which is an increase of over 40%.
 - I. Divorces granted in 1940 - 264,000; 1987 - 1,166,000; 1997 - 1,163,000, this represents an increase of several hundred percent.
 - J. There were 1,038,000 children involved in divorce in 1987 as opposed to approximately 300,000 in 1950.
 1. As of 1997 there have been at least 1,000,000 children yearly that are children of new divorces.
 - L. In the period from 1970 to 1981 divorce rates increased steadily in the State of Texas.
 1. Since 1981 both marriage and divorce rates have dropped here, however the rate still shows an alarming number of people who are being divorced.
- C. There are several reasons for the dramatic decline of the home and incline of the divorce rate.
 1. Industrial progress.
 - A. According to Sociologists patterns of living have changed more in the past 250 years than in the previous 2,000 years.
 2. Decline of the authority of the husband and the father in the home.
 - A. "Obey" deleted from many marriage ceremonies.
 1. By the way if one is planning on marriage and want that part left out they don't even need to bother asking me to do the ceremony!
 - B. Our society has developed a lack of masculinity bringing on domineering behavior in the wife.

- C. Sexual problems among men.
 - 1. Seen in the "Macho Man" stereotype - all talk, no action.
- D. Passive dependency on drugs (alcoholism, cocaine, crack, etc.)
- 3. Shifting role of the family.
 - A. No longer the economic unit as it was in the "olden days."
 - 1. Government has taken over.
 - 2. Too many "men" have "back problems" and welfare checks to argue against this.
 - B. Protective role has been taken over by law enforcement agencies.
 - 1. Husbands don't have to protect their wives and children anymore.
 - 2. Therefore the "ban the guns" slogans.
 - C. Education left to schools, movies, etc.
- 4. Religion left to "organized religion."
 - A. No home involvement.
 - B. Remember the bumper sticker - "The family that prays together, stays together?"
- 5. Millions of frustrated wives are on the march.
 - A. E.R.A. has sought to destroy the concept of the traditional home.
 - B. Read of one group who called themselves the "Frigid Wives of Reno."
 - C. One survey stated, "Almost 50% of all wives are frustrated at the role of the wife."
- 6. Accelerated living.
 - A. Many parents have a non-restrictive attitude when it comes to their children.
 - 1. See *Ten Rules For Bringing Up/Bringing Down Children* (Appendix # 2).
 - B. Glorified sex (Movies, television, printed page, etc.)
 - 1. Most people cannot meet the "standards" set by these things.
- 7. Social pressure.
 - A. Trying to be socially acceptable at whatever the cost.
- 8. Family isolation.
 - A. Average person doesn't know his neighbor.
 - B. When people move today few from the immediate neighborhood come to visit and introduce themselves.

3. PURPOSE OF THE HOME.

- A. Genesis 2:23, 24.
- B. The home is for the procreation of the species.
 - 1. Genesis 1:28; Hebrews 13:4
- C. The home is for the nurturing and protection of children.
 - 1. Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 5:8
- D. The home is for training the children.
 - 1. Proverbs 22:6; Luke 2:52; 2 Timothy 1:5; Ephesians 6:4.
- E. The home is for affection giving, supplying love and a sense of security to all

members of the family.

1. 1 Corinthians 7:1-5.

4. GETTING READY FOR MARRIAGE.

- A. This particular point is would be more relative to those who have as yet to marry, but needs to be discussed since you will be dealing with the unwed.
 1. However, even for those of us who are married there is valuable information herein, which we can use in the congregation of which we will be working with.
 2. If we can stop the tendency to enter marriage with one's eyes closed we will see a change in the divorce rate.
- B. Who to date?
 - A. Only date a person you would want to marry.
 1. To date a boy or girl with the idea of, "Well, I don't like him, her, but I'll date them because no one else has asked" is playing with fire.
 2. Since one marries someone they date, people should be encouraged to date selectively.
 - B. How to choose a date?
 1. Selection of dates should be wisely chosen by youth in the church especially.
 - A. However, to grab the first guy, gal, who comes along and then spend three hours getting ready for the date doesn't make sense.
 2. In the selection of a date certain social, religious, and intellectual rules should be followed carefully.
 3. The date should meet the approval of parents, normally.
 - A. Some parents will never approve of anyone.
 4. Should be within ones own age range, background, and intelligence.
 5. If at all possible date those of ones own religious group (i.e. the church).
 - A. Dating those of other "faiths" or no faith is dangerous.
 - B. 2 Corinthians 6:14.
 1. I can promise you, if you marry a child of the devil, and you are a faithful Christian, you are going to have problems with your father-in-law!
 - C. "In a study of 13,528 young people in Maryland between the ages 16-24, the following is impressive" (Wilmeth, P.D., The Christian Home, 1955, p. 33.)
 1. Divorces in the homes were on this wise:
 - A. Where both parents were Jewish - 4.6%.
 - B. Where both parents were Catholic - 6.4%.
 - C. Where both parents were Protestant - 6.8%.
 - D. Where religions were mixed - 15.2%.
 - E. Where there was no religious affiliation - 16.7%.
 - D. "Of every Christian marrying out of the church, it is estimated that only 20 convert their companions, 24 live a divided church life, and 56

quit the church. Statistically, ninety out of each hundred divorces occur in homes divided religiously, while only two occur where both husband and wife attend church services. Of marriages which result from association on Christian College campuses, divorce marks the end of only 1 out of 800." Curd, Bruce R., *Marry Only In The Lord*, 1975, Appendix II.

1. It is my belief that if "Christian Colleges" existed for no other reason than serving to put marriageable young people together this would warrant their existence and support.
6. If the boyfriend or girlfriend is not a member of the church one should encourage them to attend services while dating.
 - A. If they will not attend while trying to "win another's love" chances are great that they will not do so after marriage.
7. The chances of "falling in love" should always be kept in mind while dating.
8. Note *Test for boyfriend, girlfriend* (Appendix #'s 3 and 4).

5. MARRIAGE.

A. What is marriage?

1. Genesis 2:23-25.
2. Union of one man and one woman until death.
 - A. Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9.
3. A divine institution witnessed by God.
 - A. Malachi 2:14; Matthew 19:6.
4. The filling of a void in man's life (companionship).
 - A. Genesis 2:18.

B. What marriage is not:

1. Not a 50/50 proposition!
 - A. Rather a 100/100 proposition.
 - B. If only 50/50 proposition then each one is only giving half of their self to their mate.

C. Essential ingredients of a successful marriage.

1. Observe the spirit of "E Pluribus Unum."
 - A. One out of many.
 - B. The family is a single unit made up of several members.
 - C. To be successful in the home life we must adopt the attitude of "one for all, and all for one."
2. Live according to the "Golden Rule."
 - A. Matthew 7:12.
3. Freely forgive as requested.
 - A. Implies two thoughts.
 1. The realization of the one, who erred against the other of their action, seeking to be forgiven.
 2. The willingness of the one "sinned" against to forgive.

- B. Matthew 6:15 (This passage applies to your marriage partner too.)
 - C. 1 Corinthians 13:3.
- 4. Put God and spiritual matters first.
 - A. Matthew 6:33.
- 5. Don't be a "mote hunter."
 - A. Matthew 7:1-5 (Just as applicable to the home as any place else.).
 - B. "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behooves any of us, to find fault with the rest of us."
- 6. Develop common interests.
 - A. Not natural, but necessary.
- 7. Be willing to communicate.
 - A. I suppose that the majority of marriage problems that I have dealt with have originated right here.
 - B. Communication involves the expression of one's ideas or feelings by words, looks, or actions.
 - C. Talking is only one side of the two-way street of communication.
 - 1. The other side is listening.
 - 2. People sometimes say, "I really try to communicate with my spouse, but they just won't listen."
 - A. Their tongue is hinged in the middle and they think they are the only one who has anything important to say.
 - 3. Sometimes I feel that the only solution to this sort of a problem is a gag.
 - A. I think at times that when certain individuals die someone is going to have to take a club and beat their tongue to death later.
- 8. Watch your words.
 - A. Speak kindly and softly.
 - 1. The tone of speech means much.
 - B. Think before you speak and in some instances your thinking will keep you from speaking at all.
 - 1. Proverbs 15:1.
- 9. Be thankful.
 - A. This is a commandment - Colossians 3:15.
 - B. It is much more profitable to count your blessings than it is to count your mistreatments.
 - 1. Or your child support checks.
- 10. Dare to discipline.
 - A. Modern psychology might disapprove, but the Bible plainly teaches discipline.
 - 1. Proverbs 13:24.
 - B. Proper chastening is evidence of love.
 - 1. Hebrews 12:5-10.
 - C. Years ago everyone was throwing everything to the wind and allowing Spock to set the pattern of child rearing.

1. Then he came out in print admitting he had been wrong.
- D. God has set the true pattern and has not changed it.
11. Keep your promises.
 - A. It is better not to vow than to break your commitments.
 1. Ecclesiastes 5:5.
 - B. Husbands and wives should keep their vows made at the time of marriage, and their promises made to their children.
 1. One of the best ways to teach our children honesty is for us to be honest and promise keepers.
12. Refrain from childishness.
 - A. Grow up!
 1. Be mature!
 - B. Determine not to act like a spoiled baby.
 1. In all your actions seek to show maturity and remember to put away childish things - 1 Corinthians 13:11.
13. Practice "show" and "tell."
 - A. Don't be afraid to tell those in your family of your love for them.
 - B. Teach your children to love their future spouse by loving the one you have.
14. Be patient and allow time for needed changes.
 - A. Note charts showing marriage and divorce statistics (Appendix # 5).
 - B. The highest number of marriages end in divorce in the first two years.
 - C. Love is patient - 1 Corinthians 13:4.

6. SATANIC ATTACKS UPON THE HOME AND FAMILY.

- A. Humanism (euphemism for atheism).
 1. Humanism has made a concerted and influential attack upon the home within recent years.
 2. The growing atheistic community has made it clear that they do not "venerate the sanctity of the home."
 - A. The Humanist Manifesto 11 (September/October, 1973), promotes divorce, abortion, euthanasia, and freedom to explore and engage in a variety of sexual life- styles (e.g., pre-marital sex, extra-marital sex, homo-sexual activity, etc.).
 - B. Furthermore, it suggests that the authoritarian structure of the home (rules, regulations, etc), should be replaced by the principle of participatory democracy (i.e. majority rule).
- B. The Feminist Movement.
 1. See article - "*Unhappy mix of military duty and motherhood*" (Appendix # 6).
 2. The modern feminist movement has been described as a revolt against marriage and the home.
 - A. Feminists are avowed enemies of the "institutional home."
 3. "Mary Kassian, a former Feminist, writes of the coming holocaust of the Feminist philosophy. In her powerful book THE FEMINIST GOSPEL

(Crossway: Wheaton, 1992), she concludes: ‘The social and political agenda of the feminist movement expanded as the philosophy of the movement evolved. Women initially wanted to overcome their biological differences in order to be equal with (i.e., the same as) men. They thus sought legal freedom for abortion, changes in marriage and divorce law, tax reform, universal day care, pay equity, affirmative action in employment, and changes in language. In the second phase of development, their agenda expanded their attention from naming themselves to naming their world. They emphasized female strengths and women's capacity for love, acceptance, peace and empathy; and added issues such as ... homosexual rights, aboriginal rights ... Finally, feminism moved into a third phase of spiritual awareness. By the time feminism had reached its third phase of development, its earlier goals were well on their way to being realized. North American society had moved toward accepting and integrating the feminist view of abortion, day care, divorce, sexual liberty, and affirmative action into common policy. The agenda ... had also progressed toward mainstream integration. The mainstream acceptance of the feminist agenda caused the movement to lose its distinction. ... Feminists are becoming difficult to identify, not because they do not exist, but because their philosophy has been integrated into mainstream society so thoroughly. The philosophy is almost unidentifiable as feminist, for it is virtually indistinguishable from mainstream,...(pp. 250-251).’”

A. <http://fathersforlife.org/feminism/biblical/feminism.htm>

4. Some of the objectives of this movement are:
 - A. The liberation of womankind from what they view as the degrading roles of wives and mothers; the freedom to eliminate children (by abortion), or to have their children reared in government supported child-care centers; the promotion of lesbianism, etc.
 5. See: "*To Lib Or Not To Lib*" by Joyce Landorf, pp. 5, 7, 8 (Appendix # 7).
 6. “Michelle Easton decried the false representation of the ‘radical feminist leadership’ in the United States Wednesday night portraying itself as representing the majority of American women...The women’s movement in America today does not represent huge numbers of American women. It represents a radical, left-wing liberal point of view,” Wabash College - P.O.Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, April 5, 2006.
 - A. http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=3427
 7. This movement constitutes one of the greatest threats to the American home.
 - A. How tragic it is to see members of the church supporting this ungodly movement!
- C. The Sexual Revolution.
1. Marital fidelity has become a joke to many.
 - A. Sexual scandal in government is common news.
 - B. “The recent report of a Census Bureau survey found that married-couple households in the U.S. are now outnumbered. A hair more than half – 50.3 percent – of households are headed by unmarried people,...”

1. MSN report of an article entitled Look who's happily unmarried.
- C. "Infidelity rates are getting higher and higher in the American society. Here are some infidelity statistics based on a survey by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago:
 1. 25 percent of men have had extramarital affairs
 2. 17 percent of women committed adultery."
 - A. <http://www.infidelity-etc.com/index.php/4>
2. Homosexual "rights" is a major political issue with numerous avowed homosexuals at the present holding influential political positions.
 - A. President George Bush, Sr. invited differing homosexual groups to attend the signing of certain bills at the White House.
 1. The Hate Crimes Bill in April of 1990.
 2. Americans With Disabilities Act on July 26, 1990.
 - B. President George W. Bush – see Bush Actions Advance Homosexual Agenda - <http://www.chuckbaldwinlive.com/bushhomosexualagenda.html>.
 - C. The homosexual agenda "...is an agenda that gay rights activists set in the late 1980s, in a book called After the Ball, where they laid out a six-point plan for how they could transform the beliefs of ordinary Americans with regard to homosexual behavior,..."
 1. Talk about gays and gayness as loudly and as often as possible.
 2. Portray gays as victims, not as aggressive challengers.
 3. Give homosexual protectors a just cause.
 4. Make gays look good.
 5. Make the victimizers look bad.
 6. Get funds from corporate America."
 - A. http://www.conservapedia.com/Homosexual_agenda
3. Pornography has become a multi-billion dollar industry.
 - A. According to the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, (c) 1986, "...the pornography industry earns \$550 million a year..." just in California.
 1. In 2006 the World wide revenue was \$97.06 Billion, up from \$57.00 billion in 2003.
 2. US revenue was \$13.33 Billion, up from \$12.00 Billion in 2003.
 - B. "At two cents per call in New York City, one major Dial-A-Porn provider earned sixteen thousand a day and a total of \$3.6 million for the year ending February 28, 1984" (ibid. p. 366).
 - C. "Pacific Bell estimated that their company earned twelve million from Dial-A- Porn calls between October 1984 and October 1985" (ibid. p. 366).
 - D. In 1984 the top ten selling sexually explicit magazines averaged 10,617,482 magazines per month in sales (ibid. p. 359).
 - E. Between 1978 and 1984 the top selling sexually explicit magazines sold 99,762, 832 magazines. (ibid. p. 359).
 1. Based on eleven magazines, on the average, per year.

- F. 2006 Pornography Time Statistics:
 - 1. Every second - \$3,075.64 is being spent on pornography.
 - 2. Every second - 28,258 Internet users are viewing pornography.
 - 3. Every second - 372 Internet users are typing adult search terms into search engines.
 - 4. Every 39 minutes: a new pornographic video is being created in the United States.
 - A. http://familysafemedia.com/pornography_statistics.html#time
- 4. Sexual aggression.
 - A. According to the FBI "Rapes by boys 18 or younger rose by 14.6% between 1983 and 1987." AFA Journal, Feb. 1990, p. 9.
 - B. "CBS noted that a recent survey says one in six college women reported being a victim of date rape or attempted rape during the preceding year, and one in 15 boys admitted to being the perpetrator of date rape or attempted rape". AFA Journal, Jan., 1990, p. 8.
 - C. "A UCLA psychology professor named Neil Malamuth questioned 288 young men of college age on matters of sexual aggression. His findings were reported in the Journal of Sex Research. One of his questions was: If you knew you could get away with it, would you rape a girl? One-quarter-one out of four, 72, young men out of the 288-said they would commit rape if they knew they could get away with it." AFA Journal, Sept., 1990, p. 18.
 - D. "Over 50% of high school boys and 42% of high school girls believe that there are times when it is "acceptable for a male to hold a female down and physically force her to engage in intercourse." (Warshaw, 1988). <http://www.danenet.org/dccrsa/saissues/teen2.html>
 - E. Over 80% of rape victims know their attackers.
 - 1. "Acquaintance rape and date rape are more common than left-handedness or heart attacks or alcoholism. (Warshaw, 1988)". <http://www.wcstx.com/friendrp.htm>.
 - F. "56% of females will be confronted or hurt sexually.
 - 1. Over 3 million women will be assaulted this year.
 - 2. Of these women who are assaulted, only 1 in 100 will report it to the police if victimized by a date/acquaintance
 - 3. Fewer than 30 out of 100 women assaulted by strangers come forward.
 - 4. The number of survivors who report on college campuses is lower because of the fear of recognition.
 - 5. Most victims never tell a soul - about 50% don't tell anyone.
 - 6. Assault victims account for approximately 70% of all suicide attempts.
 - 7. Very seldom are the reports false accusations - approximately 5-6% are false.
 - 8. One in six women will be sexually assaulted during their college career.
 - 9. Four out of ten men would rape under certain circumstances.

10. 75% of victims of sex crimes end up with eating disorders, substance abuse, and take part in prostitution.
 11. Rape is, for most people, more traumatic than anything, besides death.
 12. Most sexual assaults on campus involve alcohol.
- G. About women who were assaulted:
1. 84% knew their assailant.
 2. 27% identified themselves as rape victims.
- H. From a survey of 3,187 women:
1. 15.3% had been raped.
 2. 11.8% had experienced sexual coercion.
 3. 14.5% had been sexually touched against their will.
 4. Only 45.6% had never experienced sexual victimization.”
- D. The influence of television.
1. More and more the negative influence of television upon the American home is being witnessed.
 - A. “Between the ages of 6 and 18, the average American youth will spend 16,000 hours in front of a television set. In that time, he will witness 18,000 dramatized murders.” AFA Journal, Oct., 1990 p. 6.
 1. “...the typical American child spends over 4 hours a day in front of the television. This equals 1023 hours a year of viewing in contrast to the 900 hours a year kids spend in a classroom.”
 - A. http://medialiteracy.suite101.com/article.cfm/effects_of_television_on_kids
 2. “Currently, the average American child or adolescent spends 21 hours per week viewing television. This figure does not include time spent watching movies, listening to music or watching music videos, playing video or computer games, or surfing the Internet for recreational purposes.”
 - A. <http://aappolicy.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/pediatrics;104/2/341>
 3. “According to the A.C. Nielsen Co., the average American watches more than 4 hours of TV each day (or 28 hours/week, or 2 months of nonstop TV-watching per year). In a 65-year life, that person will have spent 9 years glued to the tube.”
 - A. <http://www.csun.edu/science/health/docs/tv&health.html>
 - B. “Dr. Leonard D. Efron, professor of psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, who studied the habits of over 400 viewers for 22 years, observes: ‘There can no longer be any doubt that heavy exposure to televised violence is one of the causes of aggressive behavior, crime, and violence in society’” AFA Journal, Oct., 1990, pp. 6.
 - C. In one poll of their readership “Glamour magazine found that their readers are fed-up with television trash. Eighty percent said TV has become too trashy for their tastes.” AFA Journal, July, 1990, p. 29
 - D. “Seventy-two percent of the 820 respondents in the University of

Cincinnati's 'Ohio Poll' said they think there is too much sex..." AFA Journal, July 1990

2. Television has glorified divorce as a normal and acceptable way of life.
- E. The influence of music.
 1. Not just hard rock music but "good ole country music" too.
 2. Rock music:
 - A. "Muskogee, Oklahoma, District Attorney Drew Edmondson said a rap song called "Gangster of Love" played several times during the recent gang rape of two teenage girls may have encouraged the attack. Edmondson said the song, by a group called the Ghetto Boys, 'demonstrates an attitude toward women as basically less than human.'" AFA Journal, September 1990, p. 4 (Tulsa Tribune, 6/9/90).
 - B. "Police in Caledonia, Wisconsin said one 18-year-old and three 17-year-olds, who said they were 'driven to kill something' after listening for hours to heavy metal music, have been arrested in the torture and killing of a dog." AFA Journal, May, 1990, p. 4 (Milwaukee Journal).
 - C. As a part of their live show the group LL Cool J simulated sexual intercourse with a female dancer on a brass bed that had been brought on stage during their show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
 1. Only the night before three members of this group's entourage allegedly had been involved in a rape and were in jail while the "show went on." Taken from AFA Journal, Oct. 1989, p. 21.
 - D. Let me give you just a little bit of information on some of the groups and their lyrics.
 1. W.A.S.P. stands for "We Are Sexual Perverts."
 2. Prince, in his song "Sister" sang, "My sister never made love/To anyone else but me...Incest is everything it's said to be."
 3. Slayer lauded sex with the dead in "Necrophiliac."
 4. The Mentors sing about human excrement in "Golden Showers."
 5. Masochism was found in such songs as, "Leatherbound" by Bitch, "Dungeon of Pleasure" by Nasty Savage, "She Likes It Rough" by Thrasher.
 6. Prostitution was glorified in "The Trash Queen" by Wrath Child.
 7. Satanism was seen in such songs as "Altar of Sacrifice" by Slayer, "Possessed" by Venom, "The Number of the Beast" by Iron Maiden, "Disciples of Hell" by Malsteen, "Burn in Hell" by Twisted Sister.
 8. Murder was seen in such songs as "I Kill Children" by The Dead Kennedys, "Bodily Dismemberment" by Rigor Mortis, "Kill for Pleasure" by Blood Feast.
 9. Suicide was clearly taught by such songs as "Don't Fear the Reaper" by Blue Oyster Cult, "Suicide's An Alternative" by Suicidal Tendencies, "Killing Yourself to Live" by Black Sabbath.
 - A. "Suicide is now the second major cause of death among adolescents, and in the fifteen-to-twenty-four-year-old age bracket

has increased by 300 percent since 1950.” Gore, Tipper, Raising PG Kids in an X-Rated Society, p. 105, copy write 1987.

1. “Suicide is the third leading cause of death among adolescents and teenagers. According to the National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH), about 8 out of every 100,000 teenagers committed suicide in 2000.”
A. <http://www.teendepression.org/articles1.html>
2. “That makes suicide the **third-leading cause of death** among those 15 to 24 years old, says the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Only accidents and homicides kill more.” (emp. theirs)
A. <http://www.troubledteen101.com/articles32.html>
3. “Only car accidents and homicide surpass suicide as the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 24. According to the latest teen suicide statistics, suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people. Teen suicide statistics reveal for every two homicides in the United States there are three suicides.”
A. http://www.add-adhd-help center.com/Depression/teen_suicide_statistics.htm
- B. Stewart Powell, in an article in the October 28, 1985 issue of U.S. News & World Report, p. 46, stated, “Many...teenage suicides are linked to depression fueled by fatalistic music and lyrics.”
- C. “In February 1986, Bryan High School in Omaha, Nebraska, suffered three suicides in a period of five days. Four other students had attempted suicide during the preceding three weeks. The principal told Time Magazine, ‘We have a “life is cheap” philosophy fed to the young.’ He pointed to pro-suicide rock lyrics as a particular example of this.” Raising PG Kids..., pp. 111, 112.
- D. “Teen suicide statistics draw a correlation between gender and suicide. It is interesting to note that there are some very clear indications that suicide is different for males and females, attempted and completed suicides alike. For example, males are four times more likely to die from suicide than females.”
<http://www.teensuicide.us/articles.html>
- E. Many books/internet sites are available today warning people of this problem.
3. Country and Western music.
 - A. It was interesting to me that during my studies for these lessons I could find no articles written on the direction of C&W music such as with the above.
 1. However, all one has to do is turn on the radio and it won’t take long to see what is going on here too.
 - B. In listening to several C&W songs I noted that a great majority of the

newer ones dealt with such themes as beer and whiskey drinking, cursing, gambling, and various types of sexual activities.

4. I am not implying that all music is wrong.

A. But surely we see in which direction it has headed over the years.

7. THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND AND THE FATHER IN THE HOME (Note *Questions For Husbands and Wives* - Appendix # 8)

A. The husband's place in the home.

1. He is it's head – 1 Corinthians 11:3.

A. Subjection does not imply inequality – John 10:30.

2. The husband has a place in the home in which no other can fulfill.

A. However, he must realize that it is impossible to successfully direct another who cannot successfully direct himself – Proverbs 16:32.

B. The husband's responsibilities as head of the home.

1. He is to love his wife – Ephesians 5:25, 28, 33, Colossians 3:19, 20.

A. "A man came to his minister to tell him about his marital problems. 'Don't you know the Scripture, Husbands, love your wives?' said the minister." "I know the Bible says that," the man replied, "but I just don't think I have any love left for my wife." "Then how about' and by this may we know that we are the children of God, that we love the brethren' Both you and your wife are Christians. You must love her as a fellow Christian." "But preacher, we fight all the time. I just can't love her," argued the man. "But then what about the Scripture, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself'? She is even closer than your neighbor," urged the preacher. "Preacher, you just don't understand. I just about hate my wife," was the man's response to that. "Oh, then, I've got just the verse for you: 'Love your enemies,'" admonished the preacher triumphantly."

2. He is to honor his wife – 1 Peter 3:7; Proverbs 31:28.

3. He is to be faithful to her – Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:2, 3.

4. He is to provide financial support for the family – 1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Corinthians 12:14.

A. It is a serious offence for a man to fail through indolence, shiftlessness, or drunkenness to discharge this duty.

5. He is to lead in the governing and discipline in the home.

A. Discipline is to be with love – Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21; Hebrews 12:9-11; 1 John 4:7.

6. He is to rule his own house well – 1 Timothy 3:4.

C. The privileges of the husband.

1. He should have an orderly home – Proverbs 31:15.

2. He should have a Christian home – 1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:17; Joshua 24:15; Acts 10:2.

8. THE ROLE OF THE WIFE AND THE MOTHER IN THE HOME.

A. The wife was created as a helpmeet – Genesis 2:18.

1. Behind every great man is a woman.
2. Seldom is it the case that a man will rise above what his wife will allow him.
 - A. If the wife doesn't keep even with her husband she will drag him down – Proverbs 18:22; 19:14.
- B. The wife must be a homemaker – 1 Timothy 5:14, 15.
 1. She is to be a worker at home – Titus 2:3-5.
 2. Her first duty is to her home.
- C. The wife is to bear children – John 16:21; 1 Timothy 2:15.
- D. Duties of the wife:
 1. The wife must be in subjection to her husband.
 - A. As we've said subjection does not imply inequality – John 10:30.
 2. The wife is to reverence her husband – 1 Peter 3:1, 6.
 - A. Her desire is to be to her husband – Genesis 3:16.
 3. She is to manage her home well – Proverbs 31:27.
 4. She is to teach her children – Titus 2:1, 5; 2 Timothy 1:5.
- E. The privileges of the wife:
 1. She is to be loved as Christ loved the church – Ephesians 5:25.
 2. She is to be honored as no other – 1 Peter 3:7.
 3. She should receive the praise of her family – Proverbs 31:28.
 4. The greatest privilege and praise of all is to be a Christian and to have the approval of God – Proverbs 14:1.
 - A. Note article on preventing divorce (Appendix # 9)

WHICH ONE?

One of us dear, but one
Will sit by the bed with nameless fear, and clasp
the hand
Growing cold as it feels for the spirit land.
Darling, which one?

One of us dear, but one,
Will stand by the other's coffin bier, and look and
Weep.
While those marble lips strange silence keep.
Darling, which one?

One of us, dear, but one,
By an open grave will drop a tear and homeward
Go.
The anguish of an unshared grief to know.
Darling, which one?

One of us, darling, it must be—
It may be you will slip from me,

Or perhaps my life may first be done,
I am glad we do not know which one.
-Anon.

APPENDIX # 1

FOOLISH REASONS FOR GETTING MARRIED

There are a number of good reasons, in harmony with God's design for the home, for desiring to be a part of a marriage relationship. One may meet a winsome Christian person who has attractive spiritual and personal qualities that appear to be ideal for a life-long marital union. Certainly children of God, who opt for marriage, ought to seek companions who are compatible with them, and with the Lord – someone who will be able to enhance their journey toward heaven.

It should be recognized, however, that marriage is an option, not an obligation. There are some who choose not to marry, and they seem perfectly happy and well-adjusted as single people. Others, who desire to marry, simply have not discovered a suitable prospective mate, and, with patience, they choose to wait. Perhaps they are familiar with the old adage, "Marry in haste; repent in leisure."

It is entirely possible, however, for men and women – young or older – to feel pressured to marry. Hence they may enter this sacred union rather impulsively, without due consideration for their eternal interest, and thus for a variety of wrong motives. Such a rash judgment can prove disastrous.

Marriage is an "until-death-do-us-part" commitment. It ought to be approached from a joyous, yet cautiously-solemn, vantage point. Marriage should be embraced for wise reasons, not foolish ones. Let us reflect momentarily upon some of the impetuous motives that lend themselves to the abandon of some, who rush headlong into marriage.

Some marry for financial security. All of us have heard those exotic stories of the young American girl who is romanced by, and becomes wedded to, the Middle Eastern oil baron in order to live in splendid luxury. Such cases are rare, of course, but the happiness sought in such arrangements is rarer still.

Closer to home are the situations, for example, where a daughter is reared by a shiftless, unproviding father. Determined to have the "better life," she marries the first young man who is able to offer her economic stability. Such a barter is a sorry basis for marriage, and she may learn well the heartbreaking lesson that a happy home is more than dollars and cents.

There are those who enter marriage to escape a miserable or boring domestic situation. Late adolescence is a difficult and confusing time of life. Youngsters are in a "twilight zone" of sorts. They are not ready to survive on their own, yet they have developed a sense of independence. They are restless for new adventures. If their home-life is an unhappy one (with perhaps harsh and insensitive parents), they may be tempted to quickly find a mate - simply to "escape" the misery of their present circumstance. This is a serious mistake.

It may be going from the proverbial frying pan into the fire. “Escape” is not a noble motive for forming the most intimate of human relationships.

Some marry out of revenge. It is difficult to fathom the fact that there are those who would enter into such a sacred union merely out of the desire to punish another person. But the “I’ll-show-you” attitude is more prominent than most would care to admit. A young lady may enter marriage to “show” her parents that they cannot control her life – particularly in the case of a young gentleman of whom they disapprove. A jilted youth may marry on the rebound – just to demonstrate that “two can play this game.” But it’s not a game! Marriage relationships can have eternal consequences.

Not a few have entered marriage because it’s the vogueish thing to do. All their friends have marital mates, why should they be left in the lurch? Peer pressure is so great at certain times in life. Far too many have impulsively “run off” to “get married” on a dare, or because others were doing it. Snap decisions can generate a life-time of bitter experiences. Marriage is not an arrangement with which to trifle.

Marriage should not be entered just to cover a mistake. In this age of lust and promiscuity, what should a couple do when they discover that a child has been conceived out of wedlock? Sometimes, a “we-must-get-married” is the quick-fix formula. In the event of such a mistake, a Christian couple, first of all, should repent – with genuine sorrow – and seek God’s pardon.

Second, the couple should then devoutly consider their options. Do they really love one another, and are they committed to serving God? If so, they well may wish to marry, and put the mistake behind them.

On the other hand, if exalted qualities are not a part of the relationship, merely “getting married” is not a resolution to their problem, and it certainly will not enhance the happiness of their child. In some cases it would be far better for a young woman to wait, perhaps eventually finding a devout father for her child, than to wed her partner in fornication “for the sake of the baby.”

Marriage on the basis of mere physical attraction is a foolish mistake. The grass withers and the flowers fade – and so does physical beauty. Thousands of American couples have watched the degeneration of their marriages because the relationships were grounded principally in external features.

Spiritual qualities and personality traits are the real “glue” that bonds couples in committed unions. Beauty is only skin deep, and if some were “skinned” how hideous they would appear. Our youngsters should be taught the true values that undergird lasting marriages.

Finally, it hardly needs saying, but it is the epitome of folly to marry out of desperation. It

is better to be single for life, than to live one year in a house with a hateful mate. But some are so afraid that at their “advanced” stage of life, if they don’t marry soon, the bliss may never occur! The thought of that is too horrible for them to contemplate. And so, marry they must.

I have known of several cases where folks married out of “panic,” only to have the relationship crumble within weeks. I cannot but be reminded of a whimsical poem I once read (author unknown). I share it with you for its humor and wisdom.

- Wayne Jackson -

At sweet sixteen, I first began
To ask the good Lord for a man.
At seventeen, as I recall,
I wanted someone strong and tall.
The Christmas that I reached eighteen,
I fancied someone blond and lean.
And then at nineteen, I was sure
I’d fall for someone more mature.
Then at twenty, I thought I’d find
Romance with someone with a mind.
I retrogressed at twenty-one
And found the college boys most fun.
My viewpoint changed at twenty-two,
When “one man only” was my cue.
I broke my heart at twenty-three
And asked for someone kind to me.
Then begged at blasé twenty-four
For anyone who would not bore.
Now, Lord, that I’m twenty-five,
Just send me someone who’s alive!

APPENDIX #2

TEN RULES FOR BRINGING UP CHILDREN

1. Make home the brightest – most attractive place you can.
2. Make him/her responsible for helping with some daily duties at home.
3. Never punish him/her in anger, nor to relieve your own feelings, but only in love and for disobedience.
4. Do not ridicule his/her ideas; talk frankly on matters in which he/she is interested.
5. Encourage him/her to invite friends to your home and table.
6. Impress upon his/her mind that service and honesty are more important than making money.
7. Live Christ before him/her so that you will be able to talk Christ to him/her.
8. Let him/her see your enjoyment and profit from Bible reading and prayer.
9. Set an example in faithful attendance and interest in the work of the church.
10. Be much in prayer for his/her salvation and spiritual growth.

TEN RULES FOR BRINGING DOWN CHILDREN

1. Let him/her have plenty of money to spend as he/she likes.
2. Permit him/her to choose his/her companions without guidance or restraint.
3. Let him/her spend Sunday hours on the street or with companions of low ideals instead of recognizing the Lord's Day as a day of worship.
4. Allow him/her to go out at night as he/she pleases and to return when he/she gets ready.
5. Make no inquiry as to where and with whom he/she spends his/her leisure time.
6. Teach him/her to expect pay for all help at home and for all services to others.
7. Allow him/her to think that good manners are a good substitute for good morals.
8. Do not trouble yourself to interest him/her in the Bible or to win him/her to Christ.
9. Let him/her see that you think that attending all the services of the church is not important.
10. Never let him/her hear you pray, especially not for his/her salvation.

APPENDIX # 3

TEST FOR GIRL FRIEND

Instructions: Give her five points each time she meets the qualifications stated. Here is the interpretation of the scores: Below 60, failure; 60-70, good; 80-90, very good; above 90, marvelous. Possible scores in brackets [--]

1. She is intelligent – can talk about a variety of things and makes respectable grades in school as per her abilities. [15]
2. She is active in the work of the church and has high ideals. [10]
3. She is not a “make up” spook but knows how to dress to suit the occasion, her figure, and her personality. [5]
4. She is generally optimistic, cheerful, and enjoys wholesome humor – enthusiastic – not cynical. [25]
5. She has plans for a home and has the same or similar ideas concerning the number of children that you will have. [10]
6. She knows the difference between the stove and the sink and a little knowledge in between. [5]
7. She refuses to cheat in school or in games – fair play and honesty are seen. [10]
8. She is feminine, when she passes by you are not left to doubt as to what she is. [5]
9. She has a reasonable degree of refinement; yet she is natural and unaffected. [10]
10. She encourages you in your dreams and ambitions. She plans for the future instead being a “wet blanket.” [10]
11. She is tenderhearted and modest. She can blush if the circumstances justify it. [10]
12. She is liberal in giving both her time and money to the church. [5]
13. She has a great confidence in the presence and providence of God. [5]

TOTAL: 115

APPENDIX # 4

TEST FOR THE BOY FRIEND

1. He attends the services of the church faithfully and encourages his girl friend to do the same. [5]
2. He is not a quitter. [5]
3. He loves children. [5]
4. He is not a “dud” – but ambitious. He is not afraid of work. [5]
5. He has convictions. He has definite ideas about what is right and wrong, and sticks to his guns in the face of trials. [10]
6. He has a high regard for womanhood in general. [5]
7. He is kind and considerate of the members of his own family. [5]
8. He is considered a “good sport” and does not lose patience when he doesn’t get his own way every time. [10]
9. He is unselfish, tenderhearted; yet masculine. [15]
10. He is socially mature – can get along with people – INCLUDING YOUR MOTHER. [10]
11. He has respect for the dignity of honest toil – not afraid to get his hands dirty. [5]
12. He is generally optimistic – has a bright outlook on life. [5]
13. He is respected by his peers and older men. [5]
14. He has a good family background. Take a long look at his Dad and Mom – he may be a carbon copy. [5]
15. He doesn’t try to break down a girl’s high ideals; but takes pride in them – he understands the meaning of NO. [10]
16. He is dependable and trustworthy where, not only his wife, but a little child could feel safe to depend on him for support and security. [10]

TOTAL: 115

Let each of us ask ourselves how we would do on these tests. Also, many of the questions for the one could be adapted to the other.

APPENDIX # 5

CHARTS ON MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Marriage & Divorce: (2000 except where noted)

Total divorces granted in 1997:	1,163,000
Rate per 1,000 population (1999): (excluding CA, CO, IN and LA)	4.1
State with the lowest divorce rate: (1997) Massachusetts. per 1,000 population:	Rate 2.4
State with the highest divorce rate: Nevada. Rate per 1,000 population: (1997)	9.0
Current number of divorced adults (1998):	19,400,000 (9.8%)
Median age at divorce: (1997)	Males: 35.6 Females: 33.2
Median duration of marriage: (1997)	7.2 years
Likelihood of new marriages ending in divorce in 1997:	43%
Percentage of marriages that break up within first 15 years in 1995:	43%
Percentage of all householders who are unmarried:	48%
Percentage of weddings which are remarriages for at least one partner in 1997:	43%
Percentage of first marriages that end in divorce in 1997:	50%
Percentage of remarriages that end in divorce in 1997:	60%
Percentage of divorced women who remarry within five years as of 1995:	54%
Estimated average length of divorce proceedings in 1997:	1 year
Adults married and living with one another in 1998:	110.6 million (56%)
Adults between 25 and 34 years old never married in 1998:	14 million (35%) }
Percentage of African American adults in this age group never married in 1998:	53%
Percentage of households occupied by one person:	25.5%
Percentage of population (by area of US) who had never married in 1999:	Midwest: 28% Northeast: 28% South: 26% West: 29%
People (by gender) 15 years of age and over who have never	Males: 32,253,000 (31.3% married: of men) Females: 27,763,000 (25.1% of women)

Number of married couples:	56,497,000
Number of married people whose spouses are absent: Males:	1,365,000 (1.3%)
Females:	1,365,000 (1.2%)
People who have been widowed:	Males: 2,604,000 (2.5%) Females: 11,061,000 (10%)
People who are divorced:	Males: 8,572,000 (8.3%) Females: 11,309,000 (10.2%)
People who are separated:	Males: 1,818,000 (1.8%) Females: 2,661,000 (2.4%)
Median age at first marriage:	Males: 26.8 Females: 25.1
Average age at first divorce in 1997:	Males: 35 Females: 33
Average age of those divorcing from their second marriages in 1997:	Males: 42 Females: 39
Average age of marriage in 1997:	Males: 28.7 Females: 25.9
Percentage of people that married under the age of 20 who eventually get divorced as of 1995:	40%
Percentage of people that married over the age of 25 who eventually get divorced as of 1995:	24%
Percentage of couples not affiliated with any religious group who eventually get divorced as of 1995:	46%
Percentage of women whose parents were divorced who get divorced within 10 years as of 1995:	43%
Percentage of women whose parents stayed together who get divorced within 10 years as of 1995:	29%
Interracial married couples:	1,047,000
Number of cohabiting couples:	3.8 million
Percentage of women who cohabited before they turned 30 in 1995:	50%
Percentage of couples living together for more than five years who eventually marry as of 1995:	70%
Number of people divorcing each year as of 1997:	2.5 million
Average length of first marriages which end in divorce in 1997:	11 years
Drop in standard of living of females after divorce:	45%
Number of women who are stalked by a husband or ex-husband	380,000

every year as of 1997:	
Number of men who are stalked by a wife or ex-wife every year as of 1997:	52,000
Children/Single parents:	
Number of children in new divorces each year as of 1997:	1 million
Percentage of parents who had never married in 1998:	Males: 35%
	Females: 42%
Percentage of households which are family households:	68.8%
Percentage of households with their own children under 18:	33%
Percentage of married householders with kids:	24%
Percentage of family households with children with only one parent in 1998:	27%
Percentage of all households run by single moms:	9.2%
Percentage of all households run by single dads:	1.9%
Number of adults living in a home maintained by one or both parents in 1998:	22 million
Number of single parents:	Males: 2.04 million
	Females: 9.68 million
Estimated number of children involved in divorce in 1997:	1,075,000
Rate per 1,000 population children under 18 involved in divorce in 1997:	16.8
Children under 18 years of age living with just. one parent in 1998:	20 million (28%)
Percentage of children in single-parent homes living with their mother in 1998:	84%
Percentage of children living with single parents for whom no other adults were present in the household in 1998:	56%
Children under 18 living in the household of their grandparents in 1998:	4 million (6%)
Total families in which the child lived with two parents in 1997:	25.6 million
Total single fathers maintaining their own household:	1.786 million
Total single fathers living in the home of a relative:	240,000
Total single fathers who are divorced:	913,000
Total single fathers never married:	693,000
Total Single fathers who were separated in 1997:	260,000
Total single fathers raising one child:	1,300,000
Total single fathers raising four or more children:	55,000
Total single mothers maintaining their own household:	7.571 million
Total single mothers living in the home of a relative:	1.633 million
Total single mothers who are divorced:	3.392 million
Total single mothers never married:	4.181 million
Total single mothers raising one child:	5.239 million
Total single mothers raising four or more children:	475,000
Percentage of children (by race) living in two-parent households	White: 74%

in 1998:	Black: 36%
	Hispanic: 64%
Percentage of children living with one parent who lived with a divorced parent in 1997:	38%
Percentage of children living with one parent who lived with a never-married parent in 1997:	35%
Percentage of children living with one parent who lived with a separated parent in 1997:	19%
Percentage of children living with one parent who lived with a widowed parent in 1997:	4%
Percentage of children living with one parent whose spouse lived elsewhere because of business or some other reason in 1997:	4%
Percentage of children in two-parent households whose parents were college graduates in 1998:	29%
Percentage of children in single-parent households whose parents were college graduates in 1998:	9%
Percentage of children with single parents (by gender) earning under \$12,500 in 1998:	Living with fathers 17%
	Living with mothers: 41%
Single-parent children living in metropolitan areas in 1997:	14.5 million
Single-parent children living in cities with populations of 1 million or more in 1997:	9.2 million
Percentage of births which were to unmarried women in 1997:	32%
Percentage of same-sex female householders with kids in 1998:	17%
Percentage of women with kids before marriage who were divorced within 10 years as of 1995:	50%
In 1996, children of divorce were 50% more likely than their counterparts from intact families to divorce.	
In 19 states reporting custody in 1997: 72% of custody were awarded to the wife. 9% were awarded to the husband. In 16% joint custody was awarded. Parents who are awarded and receive child support have higher incomes.	
Fatherless homes account for 63% of youth suicides, 90% of homeless/runaway children, 85% of children with behavior problems, 71% of high school dropouts, 85% of youths in prison, well over 50% of teen mothers.	
Miscellaneous:	
Married women earning at least \$5,000 a year more than their	8.408 million (14.9% of all husbands: married women)
Unmarried women earning at least \$5,000 a year more than their partners:	821,000 (21.5% of unmarried couples)

Married men earning at least \$5,000 a year more than their wives:	33.228 million (58.8% of all married men)
Unmarried men earning at least \$5,000 a year more than their partners:	2.099 million (54.9% of unmarried couples)
Married couples in which only the husband is employed:	12.642 million (22.4%)
Married couples in which only the wife is employed:	3.855 million (6.8%)
Married couples in which both partners are employed:	30.212 million (53.5%)
Unmarried couples in which only the male is employed:	695,000 (18.2%)
Unmarried couples in which only the female is employed:	410,000 (10.7%)
Unmarried couples in which both partners are employed:	2.484 million (65%)
Percentage of smokers who had been divorced in 1997:	49%
Percentage of nonsmokers who had been divorced in 1997:	32%
Percentage of divorces due to economic problems in 1997:	4.2%
Percentage of divorces due to irreconcilable differences in 1997:	80%

(Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, National Center for Health Statistics, Americans for Divorce Reform, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Institute for Equality in Marriage, American Association for Single People, Ameristat, Public Agenda)

APPENDIX # 6

Unhappy mix of military duty and motherhood

"It's like this: I'm a woman and a mother "before I'm a soldier," - Spec, 4 Robin Williams, 360th Transportation Co., USA, at a military base somewhere in Saudi Arabia.

Williams, mother of two, couldn't hold back the sobs as she talked about her family back home in the States.

"Out here I think more about my family than about my job, and, yes, that could affect my performance if things got intense here," she told a reporter for the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph.

She talked about the lack of privacy, how the female soldiers never quite get used to changing their clothes in front of the men in the co-ed tents. Still, it's better than dressing in a foul latrine.

"I'm used to it," she says. "Most of the men know me and don't pay much attention. But my husband wouldn't like it if he knew."

Women in the men's latrine? Husband wouldn't like it? Children are miserable? A soldier weeps?

Is Williams a whiner, or what? Has feminist rhetoric outrun female reality?

WE'VE ALL heard about the military service as equal opportunity employer. But that means teaching men and women together how to work a computer, see the world or refuel an airplane. What's going on?

Feminism isn't thriving in the desert, where mothers who want to be home suckling their babies have only an intimate life in a tent with Willie and Joe, which brings out the sexual frustrations of everyone. The only other women are veiled and forbidden, constant reminders of hidden sexuality.

Women of the 360th, noting that the Army furnishes condoms along with the rations, ask nervously: "Who do they think those guys are going to use them with, the ladies In veils?"

Rumors fly that certain female soldiers are selling their sexual favors, and one female reporter describes how the couples wrapped in each other's arms deep in the dunes give new meaning to armed services.

Feminists have got what they said they wanted - equal rights for male and female to be deployed together. But the cost of those equal rights for the parents often has to be borne by their abandoned children.

A SOLDIER who gives birth enjoys six weeks of maternity leave, and then she's told to be ready to ship out just like a man. A soldier of a different sex could cry discrimination.

"I hate to say it because it doesn't fit with the whole scheme of the women's movement, but I think we have to reconsider what we're doing," Lori Moore, a former sergeant, told the New York Times. She was a "gung-ho careerist" until she recognized the suffering that would befall her three children, aged 3, 2 and 9 months, if she were to leave them. She settled for a general (less than honorable) discharge.

"I'm afraid the children are the unsung victims of Operation Desert Shield," she says. "There's no question that women can do this. The question is whether we should."

At least four of the 22 women scheduled to leave with the 360th were found to be pregnant, all for less than six weeks, when their regiment was called up.

"I can't say whether they did it on purpose to get out of this, but they knew we were going for more than a month," says Capt. Steve Fraunfelter, commander of the 360th. So "equal rights" comes with an asterisk, too.

Women, of course, are not authorized to engage in combat, but if war breaks out in the desert that may be a distinction without a difference, since the women who supply the front will be as vulnerable to Saddam Hussein's gas and bugs as the men.

Rep. Patricia Schroeder, the Colorado Democrat who is so eager for other women to fight that she introduced legislation enabling them to serve in combat units, says the problem lies not in women's capabilities, but in the failure of the military to provide "family care plans." She warns against "Mommy tracking" in the military.

We could, of course, assign battalions of baby sitters to provide day care in the desert. Moms could nurse between maneuvers. The children of combat could build Saudi Arabian sand castles. Everybody would be happy until the bombs begin to fall. For this, we go to war?

Suzanne Fields - LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

APPENDIX # 7

"TO LIB OR NOT TO LIB"

"1. The Woman Who Is Rebellious and Militant

These women seem to make up the largest, most vocal body for Women's Lib. Most are white, middle to upper class women. Some are atheists and make no bones about it. They have large hang-ups with the Bible and Christ's words, and they are particularly partial to carving up Paul. Others have no particular religious hang-ups and in some cases are Christian women.

All have one thing in common, and that includes even the Christian women: rebellion and anger. In some, the rebellion is merely a pinprick of irritation, but in others it's an open, festering wound.

The revered high priestess of this group is unquestionably Betty Friedan. She writes a monthly column in McCall's. Her page has no picture but has as its symbol a woman's arm raised with a clenched fist coming out of her ruffled blouse sleeve. There couldn't be a better piece of artwork for her words.

To such libbers, nothing is right in this country for women, and even though they are given national press, they never seem able to acknowledge victories. What does come from them constantly are verbal and written tantrums scornfully hurled at every one who does not think as they do. They are not unlike the two-year-old who has just been told she must take a nap. She screams, kicks, makes lots of noise, gets lots of attention from all sides but actually says very little."

"I personally cannot agree with many things Ms. Steinem says, and, while I believe her to be sincere, I also believe she is sincerely wrong, particularly on her moral views. She refers to her dating half a dozen men as "a series of little marriages" but finishes off with 'marriage makes you legally half a person, and what man wants to live with half a person?' Newsweek Aug. 16, 1971."

"In the women's liberation movement, lesbians have found a perfect vehicle for 'coming out into the open.' By banding together they can wholeheartedly (with the help of national television coverage) encourage others to live "gay" too."

APPENDIX # 8

QUESTIONS FOR HUSBANDS

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| 1. Do you make an honest effort to provide a viable income? | Yes | No |
| 2. Do you work to see that the outside of the house is kept neat and pleasing to the eye of your wife? | Yes | No |
| 3. Do you spend at least one half of your recreational hours with your wife? | Yes | No |
| 4. Do you dress and perform daily toiletries so as not to embarrass your wife in public, and turn her off in private? | Yes | No |
| 5. Do you make an honest effort to render due benevolence to your wife and to be a kind, considerate, and compassionate husband? | Yes | No |
| 6. Do you assume your position as "head of the home" without being domineering or dictatorial? | Yes | No |
| 7. Do you assume the father's part of the discipline of the children? | Yes | No |
| 8. Do you attend the services of the church on a regular basis, and as head of the home see that other family members do also? | Yes | No |
| 9. Do you make it a practice of refraining from criticizing your wife in public? | Yes | No |
| 10. Do you refrain from comparing her unfavorably with others? | Yes | No |
| 11. Do you seek to make your wife aware of your love for her daily? | Yes | No |
| 12. Do you keep the shrine of your heart intact for her? | Yes | No |

QUESTIONS FOR WIVES

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| 1. Do you make an honest effort to live within his income? | Yes | No |
| 2. Do you keep your house or do you let it keep you? | Yes | No |
| 3. Do you spend at least one half of your recreational hours with your husband? | Yes | No |
| 4. Do you dress with an eye to pleasing him? | Yes | No |
| 5. Do you make an honest effort to render due benevolence to your husband and to be a warm, friendly, and wonderful wife? | Yes | No |
| 6. Are you free from being domineering and dictatorial? | Yes | No |
| 7. Do you shoulder your part of the discipline of the children? | Yes | No |
| 8. Do you attend the services of the church on a regular basis? | Yes | No |
| 9. Do you refrain from criticizing him publicly and from comparing him unfavorably with others? | Yes | No |
| 10. Do you seek to make your husband aware of your love for him daily? | Yes | No |
| 11. Do you keep the shrine of your heart intact for him? | Yes | No |

QUESTIONS FOR BOTH

1. Do you ever reflect upon what your mate has contributed to you? Yes No
2. Do you ever reflect upon what your life would be without your mate? Yes No
3. If they are not Christians do you seek to lead them to the Lord? Yes No
4. Do you seek to compliment your mate when they have done something well? Yes No
5. Does your mate KNOW that you love them? Yes No And If so why?
6. Next to the Lord is your mate the most important person in your life? Yes No

APPENDIX # 9

PREVENTING DIVORCE

Again and again across the years, someone has said to me, "But I don't want a divorce." Then I would say to you, "Don't have one!"

If you do not want a divorce, put your mate first. I shudder when I hear a woman say, "Oh, I put my children ahead of everything!" You should put your husband first, knowing that the greatest gift you can ever bestow upon your son or daughter is the security which comes from knowing that mother and daddy love each other. Growing up in a house with that kind of security is better than living in Windsor Castle any day!

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to express your love to your mate. Love is never out of style or out of date. There is no taboo on tenderness in any culture. A man needs to be loved at 50 no less than on his wedding night.

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to live within your means. It is a fine thing to do with, but it is even better to be able to do without successfully. Refuse to live beyond your income or to become a compulsive buyer. Piling up debts has a way of breaking down a marriage.

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to build, not blast, the self-esteem of your partner. Practically all of us, from time to time, wonder about our worth. In those moments, nothing is so damaging as the discovery that the one person who ought to know and love us best is the very person who puts us down!

If you do not want a divorce, then do not marry a mate with the idea of reforming him or her. It has been my studied conclusion that very few are ever changed by the simple action of walking down a marriage aisle.

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to compromise with each other. Never forget that the sweetest words ever to fall from human lips are, "I'm sorry, please forgive me."

If you do not want a divorce, then seek and find common goals and directions. We are living in a day when each one does "his own thing," the wife going in one direction, the husband another, with rarely the twain meeting. Look for projects, which can be pursued together.

If you do not want a divorce, then reject interference from in-laws and relatives. You have left your parents and must "cleave to your wife."

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to communicate to your mate that which is in your heart. Find a way to say what you think and why. The surest road I know leading to

the divorce court is the one which passes through a hall of silence.

If you do not want a divorce, then determine today that your marriage is a gift from God, set apart by God, designed to last as long as you or your spouse live and is pleasing in God's sight. The greatest thing that can happen to a person's marriage is to get right with the Lord! I know that is what a preacher is expected to say - but it is true - everlasting true! When a husband gives his life to God and begins to live according to the Bible it does make a difference at home. When a wife begins to love God with all her heart, soul, and strength, it does make a difference. The children will be able to sense it, the neighbors will notice it, and the church will rejoice over it.

- Paul Rogers -