

# STUDY GUIDE - I

## SOC321 Marriage and the Family

Answer each of the following questions as succinctly and as scholarly as possible. Please typewrite all written assignments.

1. What are the four biblical themes which provide a foundation for our theology of family relationships?
2. Identify the two theological models (one for each of the testaments) for the study of family relationships.
3. Describe the Model of Family Relationships by integrating the four biblical themes which characterize family relationships.
4. Explain how family relationships are lived out in an atmosphere of grace rather than law. How should a family living in grace accept the law?
5. Discuss the basic difference between “power” and “empowering.”
6. Identify eight hurting behaviors in a family environment.
7. Identify and briefly describe the two theoretical perspectives in the study of family life.
8. Contrast an open family system with a closed family system.
9. Identify the four levels of feedback operating within a system. Give a brief description of each.
10. Define:
  1. Cohesion.
  2. Disengagement.
  3. Differentiation.
  4. Enmeshment.
11. There are four major criterion for judging family life. What are they?
12. In traditional cultures, marriages are arranged by parents. What are the two dominant approaches? Give a brief description of each.
13. Discuss the emergence of romance in the mate-selection process, beginning with the concept of courtly love.
14. Name the four types of love relationships and give a brief description of each.
15. How can the principle of empowering be applied in parents offering financial support to a newlywed couple.
16. Identify and briefly describe the four types of interaction when two people come together as one in a marriage.