

# THE FAMILY

## I. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY

- A. Basic unit of society which undergirds all else
- B. If family fails, all other institutions will fail
- C. Overdependence on other institutions
- D. All that is done to build strong, healthy, happy and effective families will increase the possibility of a strong and healthy society

## II. THE PURPOSE OF THE FAMILY

- A. Raise children
  - 1. Be fruitful and multiply
  - 2. Ps. 127:3,5 - Children are an heritage of the Lord
    - a. Have your own career
    - b. Delay a family as long as possible
    - c. Don't let children inhibit your freedom
- B. Place for individual development
  - 1. Place of safety and security
  - 2. Need for identity, love, acceptance, encouragement to obtain potential in life
  - 3. Individual care and attention
- C. Place to teach moral values
  - 1. What you are morally is what you are
  - 2. Morals affect judgment, attitudes, values, motivation
  - 3. Authority and personal freedom
    - Child that never learns to obey parents in home will not obey God or man outside home
    - Discipline
    - Time honored moral values of integrity, virtue, honesty, industry, and self-discipline
    - Self-giving love

## ENEMIES OF FAMILY

Humanism  
Government  
Public schools  
TV  
Media  
Feminism  
Materialism  
Urbanization  
Easy Divorce  
Women in Work Force  
Pornography  
Free Access to Drugs  
Rock Music

Homosexuality  
Ignorance of Family-Life Principles