

The Lord's Day Morning

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**“A Christian Home”  
Deuteronomy 6:4-25**

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Introduction:

1. What is a home?
    - a. Place or region with its familiar conditions, circumstances and associations in which one has been born or reared.
    - b. Dwelling house in which one lives.
    - c. Abiding place of the affections, especially domestic affections. “Without hearts there is no home.”
    - d. The social unit formed by a family residing together in one house.
  
  2. What a home should provide
    - a. Shelter
    - b. Seclusion
      1. Place where one can have own things and be shut off from outside interferences and influences.
    - c. Stability
      1. Not too much moving
      2. Place where can look forward to coming
    - d. Security
      1. Find things there. Mother love, Dad's understanding sympathy.
  
  3. A home is a miniature society.
    - a. It will be what you members of the home make it.
      1. Parents
      2. Children
    - b. One ugly-spirited person can ruin a home.
      1. What said about man in Pickens must be best man in world to have lived with his wife as many years as he did.
  
  4. I come this morning to try and help you make it a Christian home.
- I. What Constitutes a Christian Home
1. Some outward things
    - a. Find Bible in prominent place
      1. Was in a home recently and wanted one, but was ashamed to ask for it.
    - b. Find Christian literature
      1. Church paper
      2. Mission books

- 3. Christian study books
  - 4. Not just sports pages and funny papers
  - c. Blessings at meals
    - 1. Not always find
    - 2. But every Christian home should have this outward manifestation of it
  - d. Talk about Christian things
2. Where Christ would feel at home
- a. He went into many homes to bless, help, and comfort.
    - 1. So far as we know He only walks into one for rest and quiet.
  - b. Would not go where was fuss and quarreling
    - 1. He would not feel at home there.
  - c. Not where things of world held too prominent place.
    - 1. Automobiles, but nothing for church
    - 2. Fine houses, beautifully appointed in every part, but no money for His cause.
    - 3. There was every kind of expensive book and magazine, but none which spoke of Him.
  - d. Not where church is subject of severe criticism, but not much good said for it.
  - e. Not where are ignorant of Him and His cause
    - 1. Could not talk about things of Bible
    - 2. Could not talk about work of church
    - 3. Could not talk about mission work
  - f. Not where other things are more important than things pertaining to Him.
    - 1. Day School lessons must be prepared but Sunday School and Bible lessons do not matter.
    - 2. Must be at home and in bed early for school, but Saturday night does not matter. Sunday School matter of no importance.
    - 3. No preparation made for Sunday.
  - g. Where never attend worship services of the church
  - h. I just do not believe Christ would feel at home in such a place.

## II. How Develop Christian Home

- 1. Must belong to Christ first
  - a. Home cannot be Christian unless those who live in it are Christians.
- 2. Attend church
  - a. Here learn to know Bible
  - b. Here learn program of church
  - c. Here learn what God would have us do
- 3. Read Christian literature
  - a. Church papers
    - 1. Many important things happening in the church
    - 2. We should be informed
  - b. Mission study books

1. Know about missions
- c. Learn here about work of church
  1. Could discuss more intelligently with Christ if He came to our house
4. Share our money
  - a. Know where is going
  - b. See it does most good
    1. Madam McCormick and Mission in South where she studied plans and gave more to build hardwood floors.
    2. She knew what stations where she sent her money were doing
  - c. Children should share in this
5. Observe Sabbath Day
  - a. Time for families to discuss many things
    1. Plans
    2. Problems
  - b. Do some studying and reading
6. Family Worship
  - a. Give God place in home
    1. Discuss with Him
  - b. Bible reading
    1. Here find instructions
    2. Here find help in solving problems
  - c. Prayers
    1. For children lessons
    2. Their misbehavior
    3. Their weaknesses
    4. Business problems
    5. Sickness
    6. For others, neighbors, church, minister, missionaries
7. Pray to make homes Christian

III. This is most important thing you can do

1. We follow instructions about...
  - a. Physical welfare of family
  - b. Beauty of the house
    1. House and garden
    2. Good housekeeping
2. But are not concerned about spiritual life of family
3. I come this morning to plead with you to make your home Christian
  - a. Study all methods
  - b. Follow best advice

IV. Challenge you to try these things

1. Will work wonders

2. Your home will be happy

a. These kind are happiest

b. Sidney talking to me today