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## SCRIPTURALLY BASED INSTRUCTION FOR THE CHRISTIAN – LESSON 13 CHRISTIANS & THEIR HOME LIFE

- Home As Used In The KJV** This word is found 51X – 50V. In the NT the GK *oikos* is found frequently and means *a dwelling, a family*. Notice the way Solomon refers to the eternal abode of man: (Eccl 12:5) "*Because man goeth to his \_\_\_\_\_.*" What is our *short* home? \_\_\_\_\_ Isn't it true that home is where one's family resides? \_\_\_\_\_ Who will inhabit the "long home"?
- Home Is More Than A House** "*So long as we have homes to which men turn---At close of day; So long as we have homes where children are---And women stay; If love and loyalty and faith be found---cross those sills; A stricken nation can recover from---Its gravest ills.*" Grace Noll Crowell Jesus bade certain ones to follow him. They answered that first there were things they had to attend. (Lk 9:61) "*Another also said, \_\_\_\_\_, I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee; but let me first go \_\_\_\_\_, which are at \_\_\_\_\_ at my \_\_\_\_\_.*" At what? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Which is more desirable, a home or a house? \_\_\_\_\_
- Duties Of The Husband In The Home** (Eph 5:23) "*For the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wife.*" This is his God-given responsibility. A man has either *shirked* or *abrogated* his rightful duty if he is not head of his household. He is to be the *provider*. Jacob lived with and worked for Laban. After a long period he wanted to leave and be on his own. He asked him (Gen 30:30): "*And now when shall I \_\_\_\_\_ for mine \_\_\_\_\_ also?*" He had married Laban's daughters. He knew his duty to provide for his own house. (1 Tim 5:8) "*But if any \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_, and specially for those of his \_\_\_\_\_, he hath \_\_\_\_\_, and is worse than an \_\_\_\_\_.*" If a man won't provide for his family he has "*denied the \_\_\_\_\_.*"
- The Husband Is To Love His Wife** (Eph 5:25) "*Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_ your wives, even as Christ also \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and gave himself for it.*" This tells him how much to love. The companion verse: "*Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.*" Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_ Real love is much more than the "heart-pounding, romantic infatuation" young people experience when they are initially attracted to a particular member of the opposite sex. A marriage will soon fade and bitterness will set in if it involves only the initial (physical) sexual attraction. Love must embody respect, kindness, patience, sharing, humility, empathy, courtesy, etc. READ: 1 Cor 13:4-8.
- The Husband's Devotion** Devotion is fidelity, loyalty. This is required in all aspects of the married life, but especially concerning the "intimate relationship." (1 Cor 7:2-3) "*To avoid \_\_\_\_\_, let every man have his \_\_\_\_\_ wife, and let every woman have her \_\_\_\_\_ husband. Let the husband render unto the wife \_\_\_\_\_: and likewise also \_\_\_\_\_ unto the husband.*" The GK **eunoia** is normally translated *benevolence* and means *kindness*. In this text it means conjugal duty. This likewise applies to the duty of the wife. Paul (1 Cor 7) and Jesus (Mt 19) address the physical desires and proclaim marriage as the natural conclusion. Husband and wife: Share and avoid fornication!