

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Deuteronomy 6:6-9.**
- B. From Roy H. Enoch (11-14-93).
- C. God has designated permanent areas of responsibility.
 - 1. The home is responsible for rearing children in God's service.
 - 2. The government is responsible for regulating life in society.
 - 3. The church is the area for spiritual devotion and service.
- D. There is overlap in that we should have responsibilities in each of these areas.
 - 1. Each should be a member of a family, a citizen in a nation, and a member of the Lord's church which is His body.
 - 2. God's authority has established and governs each of these areas.
 - 3. We may have responsibility in one area that we would not have in another area.
 - a. We worship in the Church, not as citizens of nation.
 - b. Children are to be reared by parents, not citizens.
 - c. Voting and other civic work is as citizens, not as part of the work of the church.
- E. This morning we want to look at our responsibilities in the home, and this evening, our responsibilities in the church.

II. HOME IS A TRAINING GROUND FOR CHILDREN & FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS.

- A. Children are to be brought up in the training and admonition of the Lord. They are to be taught to "honor" their parents (Eph. 6:2). Jesus applied this command to the responsibility of children to provide for the needs of their parents (Mt. 15:3-6).
- B. It was the first of the ten commandments with a promise.
- C. Children are to learn submission and obedience to parents, and to all authority (Eph. 6:1).
 - 1. The word "training" in 6:4 means instruction and correction.
 - 2. Many passages emphasize the need for correction of the children of men and the children of God (Prov. 13:24; 22:15; 23:13; 2Tim. 2:25; Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 3:19).
- D. They are to be taught the Scriptures like Timothy.
 - 1. He was taught from early childhood (2Tim. 3:14,15).
 - 2. He was taught by his mother and grandmother (2Tim. 1:5).
- E. Children are to be taught the art of homemaking at home.
 - 1. Birds know this by instinct.
 - 2. Children must be taught by parents (Ti. 2:4,5).
 - 3. God's will for younger widows applies to other wives also (1Tim. 5:14).

III. THE HOME IS GOD'S FOUNDATION FOR CIVILIZATION.

- A. Here responsibility is taught for self and others.
- B. The breakdown of the home results in the breakdown of society.

IV. THERE ARE SOME SERIOUS THREATS TO OUR HOMES.

- A. Its sanctity is being destroyed.
 - 1. No quiet hours for Bible study and prayer.
 - 2. Children are often allowed to do as they please rather than as they should.
 - 3. They are not taught to work and accept responsibility.
- B. Parents often try to shift their responsibility to:
 - 1. The TV for entertainment and baby-sitting.
 - 2. The schools for moral training, and they don't do it.

- 3. The church for spiritual training.
- C. Parents sometimes disregard their responsibilities.
 - 1. The husband is to be the head of the family and provider.
 - 2. The wife is to be "discreet, chaste, homemakers,..."
- D. The responsibilities of parents are summed up in our text--Deut. 6:6-9.

V. **CONCLUSION.**

- A. There is no greater responsibility than "bringing up children."
- B. Their needs are to be placed before our own.
- C. Children can be the greatest source of joy or sorrow.
- D. Let us follow God's guide for our responsibility in His word.
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.