

“WHAT GOD WANTS OF WIVES & MOTHERS”

* Romans 12:1-2

I. FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES FOR YOUR MARRIAGE & FAMILY

II. SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

A. What God Wants of HUSBANDS & FATHERS

B. What God Wants of WIVES & MOTHERS

1. God wants us to understand that the woman was created by God to be a unique _____ to man as his _____ (Heb. *ezer*) in serving _____ will and exercising dominion over the earth. (Gen. 1:26-28, 2:18-25)

* *Why is this "dignifying" and not demeaning to women?*

* *What does this teach us about the order of authority in the home?*

2. God wants us to understand that there was a _____ in the fall of Adam and Eve into sin, with devastating effects upon human relationships. (Gen. 3:1-19)

* *What does God want all fallen mankind to know most of all? (v15)*

3. God wants wives to be in _____ (Gr. *hupotassō*) to their own husbands. (Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Pt. 3:1-6)

* *What does this mean? And what does this NOT mean?*

** What should the submission of the wife be consistent with?*

** How is this submission to be demonstrated?*

** What if your husband is unsaved or consistently carnal?*

4. God wants women to know that their status as women and their role in _____ is a unique privilege, with redeeming value, if coupled with a _____. (1 Tim. 2:9-15)

5. God also wants women to understand that His _____ for them is to care for their families. (1 Tim. 5:14; Ti. 2:3-5)

** Does this mean wives/mothers can't work outside the home?*

** What will all of this require?*