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“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

(II Tim. 3:16, 17)

DEDICATION

To my wife, Carolyn, my faithful partner in marriage, prayer and ministry, for her love, encouragement, wisdom, assistance and over 50 years of precious memories:

To my five children for their love, honor, prayers and service to Christ and His Kingdom:

To The Bible Brethren Church for their support and desire to obey the Bible.

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FOREWORD

Early in our marriage and ministry, Dr. Don Moffat told us of his father-in-law, Dr. Robert Ketchum, who had prayed that one of John Reno's (my father) five sons would be called to the ministry. At about the same time we heard about Dr. L. E. Maxwell's family and learned that all of his children were saved and actively serving the Lord.

We began an intensive study of the Scriptures to see if we could find the means by which God might so bless our family. In the process, we found answers to many of the questions and problems of the people to whom we ministered. The Bible does have the answers!

The notes to follow were developed over 45+ years of teaching and preaching. They have proved profitable in several countries and cultures. May God bless them to your prayerful use and may they result in the establishing of Biblical homes.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION TO THE FAMILY

A. Instituted by God

1. Created and started by God (**Gen. 2:23, 24; 3:16-19**).

Gen. 2:23: *And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. (Genesis 2:23), 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. (Genesis 2:24), 16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. (Genesis 3:16-19)*

- Therefore the rules are God's rules.
 - Man has no right to tamper with the institution or its rules.
2. Established with details before the details were needed.
 3. First of the three God-originated institutions.
 - Others are Government and Church.
 - Never conflicts or competes with the Government or Church by God's definitions.

- Church and Government should not infringe on the family.

B. High Priority

1. First institution created.
2. More Scriptures given to details of correct operation than other two institutions.
3. Serves as the basis of right Government and true Churches.
4. Clear picture of salvation.
5. Area Satan attacks (**I Tim. 4:1-3: 1** *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2* *Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3* *Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 1 Timothy 4:1-3*).

C. Purposes

1. God's way of perpetuating the human race.
2. Foundation of local Churches, good Government and real civilization.
3. Basis for education, the economy, peace, and obedience to the law.
4. Produce laborers for God, Church, Country, and the good of mankind.
5. Self-perpetuating.