## INFLUENCE IN THE HOUSE

(Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

## INTRODUCTION

"Influence" - the effect one has on another without any exertion of force.

This lesson is a list of influential attitudes and actions in relationships at home.

## 1. HUSBAND & WIFE

- 1) Love one another: (Ephesians 5:25, v28; Titus 2:4)
- 2) Practice the "Golden Rule": (Matthew 7:12) "Therefore, whatsoever you want men to do to you, do also to them."
- 3) Be happy with each other: (Proverbs 5:18) "rejoice with the wife of your youth" (Ecclesiastes 9:9) "live joyfully with the wife you love all the days of your life" (Deuteronomy 24:5) "bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken"
- 4) Treasure each other: (Proverbs 18:22) "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord" (Proverbs 31:10) "a virtuous wife, for her worth is far above rubies"
- 5) Be cautious when quarreling: (Proverbs 15:17) "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a fatted calf with hatred"
   (Proverbs 16:24) "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones"
   (Proverbs 17:1) "Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife"
- 6) Prayerful consideration: (1 Peter 3:7) " ... as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered"

## 2. PARENTS

The greatest influential factor in the life of a child is home-life!

(Ezekiel 16:44) "Like mother, like daughter" and phrase "Like father, like son"

Godly influence: (Proverbs 22:6) "Train up a child in the way that he should go ..." (Eph. 6:4) "... bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"

- 1) Have the priority of a Godly home (start teaching early) (Deuteronomy 6:6-9; 2 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 3:15)
- 2) Attend Bible class and worship assembly with them
- 3) Use wholesome speech (Ephesians 4:29)
- 4) Select right friends: (Proverbs 13:20) "He who walks with wise men will be wise" (1 Cor. 15:33) "Do not be deceived: evil companions corrupt good habits"
- 3. CHILDREN and 5. OLDER FOLKS AT HOME continued next week