

## Doctrinal Studies

# God's Word and the Family

*"You children, keep on obeying your parents in the Lord, for this is right."*

1. God has set up the institution of the home and parents have authority. (Gen 2:21-25; Gen. 9:1; Eph 5:25-33)
2. Adam and Eve were the first parents. From that time to the present, God has given responsibility to parents for their children. (Gen. 4:1-2)
3. Parents are responsible for the training of children spiritually, morally, academically, and socially. (Deut. 6:6-9)
4. Parents must be concerned for food, clothing, and shelter for their children, but must also be more concerned about the thinking of their children. (Prov. 23:7)
5. Children must be taught to respect the freedom, property, and privacy of others.
6. Children must be taught respect for the law.
7. Parents are responsible for the evangelization of their children. What a joy and delight for parents to instruct and influence their children and then to guide them in their acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Parents should not rob themselves of this magnificent responsibility and privilege.
8. When the children are saved, then the parents must provide them spiritual food (God's Word) each and every day. Even more important than their physical food is their need for daily Bible study.
9. Parents, by word and action, teach their children to respect position and authority for God's man in the pulpit and the importance of the dissemination of God's message (Heb. 13:7, 17). Belittling, degrading, maligning and criticizing influences should never be felt by children from parents. This has disillusioned many young people.
10. A child is spoiled, not necessarily by having too much or too little of the world's goods, but by lack of authority and discipline in the home.