"The Foundation of the Family Is In God and His Word"

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Notes & Scripture

A. **The Family's Foundation - Why Are Families Here In The First Place**?

1. We Find The Origin Of The Family In God's Creative Activity
2. God Has Created The Family For His Own Purpose, I.e., His Own Glory
3. A Godly Line

B. The Groundwork Needed For The Establishing Of The Family

1. Right Thinking About Marriage: It Is About Companionship
2. The Choice Of A Spouse For The Christian Is Extremely Important
3. Unity In The Faith Of Christ: Implications Of The Gospel

C. Families Have Been Here Since The Beginning -- Instituted At Creation

1. The Institution Of Marriage (*Therefore, The Family*) Was Prior To The Fall
2. The Family Is The Foundational Social Unit.
3. Order And Economy

D. Families Have An Extra-Ordinary Beginning - Ordained By God

1. God Ordained Marriage For All Time
2. The Family Is Based On The Covenantal Structure Of The Marriage Bond
3. God's Covenant Word Circumscribes The Family Unit

E. Families Have An Important Role - Support And Structure For Society

1. The Husband-Wife Relationship Is Basic
2. Why The Parent-Child Relationship Is NOT To Be The Primary One
3. The Family (*Esp. Husband-Wife*) Illustrates Christ's Love For His Church

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F. The Responsibilities Of The Church As The Family's Foundation Is Challenged By Society

1. Instruction In The Word Of God With Respect To God's Standards For Our Thinking And Practice In The Family
2. Accountability And Assistance In The Matter Of Family Responsibility
3. Elder Visitation A Reason For Encouragement And Thankfulness