

Growing Kids God's Way

Summary Outline - Visit 2 - Chapter 2

I. Introduction

A. The two related evils that threaten successful parenting and lead to the demise of the family are:

1. Not understanding the _____ of the husband-wife relationship in the parenting process.
2. Child-centered _____.

B. The Premise

The greatest overall influence that you're going to have in parenting will not come while you are in your roles as a mother and father, but rather while you are in your roles as a _____ and _____.

II. The Biblical Foundations of the Family

A. Two central questions:

1. Why did God create the woman?
2. Why did God establish marriage?

B. "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable" (Genesis 2:18).

1. Alone

"Not good to be alone," refers to the absence of another like Adam with a view toward completing the total person. God is talking about the concept of _____.

2. Helper

C. "And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:19-20).

D. Creation of the Woman

"So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man" (Genesis 2:21-22).

Creation Summary

1. Please note that God did not create nor did He recreate a _____ being, but rather He took from Adam's side a portion of his being and fashioned that portion into a woman.
2. The act of bringing the woman to Adam was more than just the creation of another species; it was the establishment of a social relationship called _____.

- a. This was affirmed by God in _____.
- b. This was declared by Moses in _____.
- c. This was reconfirmed by Jesus in _____.
- d. The apostle Paul followed up on this in _____.

3. Why did God create the woman?

Because man was alone and needed someone to _____ him.

4. Why did God establish marriage?

Because through marriage, partners may serve one another, and through their lives, serve _____.

E. There are no children included in the garden.

The woman completes the man and the man completes the woman. Children do not make the family; children _____ the family.

III. Principles to Live By

A. Principle One: By God's design, the husband-wife relationship is the first _____ relationship established in Scripture.

B. Principle Two: By God's design, the husband-wife relationship is the first in a system of _____ relationships.

C. Principle Three: The husband-wife relationship must be viewed as the _____ relationship in the family.

D. Principle Four: Since it is the priority relationship, all other relationships function _____ to that of the husband and wife.

IV. Child-Centered Parenting

A. Child-centered parenting too often produces a _____-ism attitude. Healthy families produce children with a _____-ism attitude.

B. Child-centered parenting and insecurity

The three basic emotional needs of early childhood are:

1. A child has a need to know _____ he is loved by Mom and Dad.
2. Every child has a need to know _____ he fits in Mom and Dad's world.
3. A child has a need to know that Mom and Dad _____ each other.