**TEN QUESTIONS FOR HUSBANDS AND WIVES**

**These questions come from an article written in 1933. Marriages even in Christian families**

**are in trouble today. I pray that this meeting today and tomorrow will be of help to you and**

**your spouse. We must put forth a determined effort if we are going to be successful.**

**The first ten questions are for HUSBANDS:**

 **1. Do you still "court" your wife with an occasional gift of flowers or candy and**

**remember her birthday and wedding anniversary, or give her some unexpected**

**attention and tenderness?**

 **2. Are you careful never to criticize her before others?**

 **3. Do you give her money to spend entirely as she chooses above the household**

**expenses?**

 **4. Do you make an effort to understand her varying moods and help her through times**

 **of fatigue, nerves, and irritability?**

 **5. Do you share some of your recreation hours with her?**

 **6. Do you refrain from comparing your wife's cooking or housekeeping with that of**

 **another woman, except to her advantage?**

 **7. Do you take definite interest in her intellectual life, the books she reads, and her**

**views on things? Do you show an interest in the things she enjoys doing?**

 **8. Do you keep alert for opportunities to praise her and express your admiration for her?**

 **9. Do you thank her for little jobs she does for you such as sewing on a button, or**

**complementing periodically things done around the house.**

 **10. Do you talk together periodically about spiritual things? For instance, the Bible, a**

 **Sunday School lesson, a sermon that was preached, or something similar.**

**TEN QUESTIONS FOR THE WIFE:**

**1. Do you give your husband freedom in his work?**

**2. Do you try to make the home interesting and attractive?**

**3. Do you vary the menu so that he is pleasantly surprised when he sits down at the**

 **table?**

**4. Are you able to helpfully discuss your husband's job or work with him?**

**5. Can you meet financial reverses without criticizing him for mistakes or comparing**

 **him unfavorably with more successful men?**

**6. Do you make a special effort to get along amiably with his mother or other**

 **relatives.**

**7. Do you dress in such a way that your husband is proud of you?**

**8. Are you able to compromise differences of opinion in the interest of harmony?**

**9. Do you make an effort to be interested in the things your husband is interested in?**

 **His hobbies, work etc.**

**10. Do you keep abreast of the news, etc. so you can discuss them intelligently with**

 **him?**

God intended the Christian Home to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which the world could see what a Christian Home is supposed to be. With the way our nation is going there is a good chance your marriage will not make it. Five out of nine marriages today end in divorce. In some areas abortions outnumber live births. Over half of all teenage brides come to the marriage altar expecting a baby.

The home is your greatest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ led home is rare today and if you want to be successful you better do it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way.

I believe most of you already know what you are supposed to do to have a good Christian home. One of the greatest problems in homes today is the lack of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God says in Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." A Christian is supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If we want to be Christlike and have a successful home, we need to be consistent.

Living the Christian life and having a sweet Christian home is a 24 hour a day Job, 365 days a year. You cannot be a success in your home if you live for Christ on Sunday but your children see a different Mother or Father the rest of the week.

**Example:** As a preacher and an Evangelist I am on display every day. I'm on display to my family, my neighbors, my relatives, my church family, etc. You are on display also. You cannot expect to have a positive lasting impression upon all the people you influence if you sometimes live for God and sometimes don't.

It is impossible to have a happy and successful Christian home without God as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. God did not intend for even one home to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Some questions to ask yourself to evaluate the probability of raising a Christian family.**

1. Do your children see you reading your Bible regularly?

2. Do you pray together at every meal?

3. Would you be found guilty if you were put on trial for living the Christian life?

4. Do you attend the services of the church regularly?

5. Do you act differently at church than your children see you act at home?

6. Does your family hear you criticize the pastor or the programs at your church?

7. Do you try to invite the pastor and his family, a missionary, an evangelist etc. to your
 home to have a positive influence upon your children?

8. Are you consistent in the discipline of your children, or is your discipline off and on?

 What is wrong and deserves a spanking today, should also be the same tomorrow.

9. Turn off the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have strict rules for any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have
 boundaries for any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Never let anything take the place of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at church. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Teach your family to see and learn that God
 comes first. Other things are maybe good, but they should not take the place of God.

11. The Bible teaches (no matter what society says) that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the head of the home. The wife is to be submissive to the husband.

In the home we learn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we are going. In the home we learn to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, together, and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ together. This is missing in most homes today because we have soccer, little league, cheer leading, ballet, etc.

Duet. 6:4-7 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all they soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in thine house, and when thou \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the way, and when thou \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ down, and when thou \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up.”

Don't leave the spiritual training of your children to the church. It won't work.

It is in the home that we learn to pray, where we learn the Word of God, and learn respect for

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_