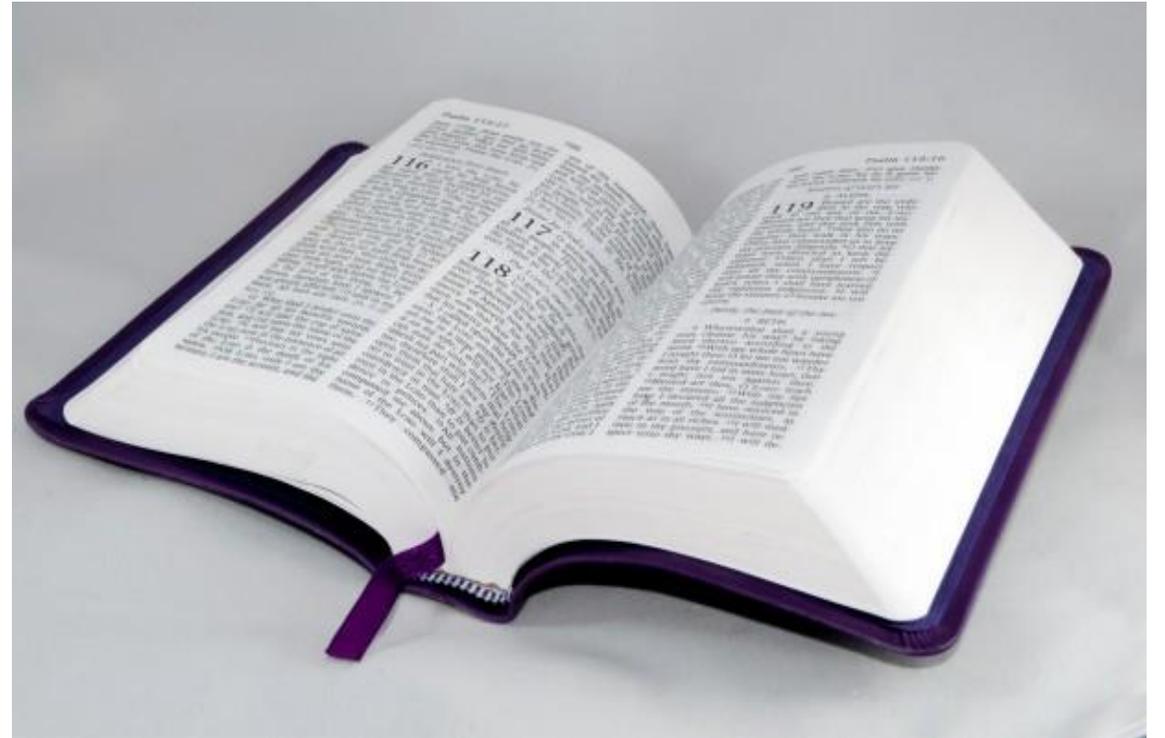
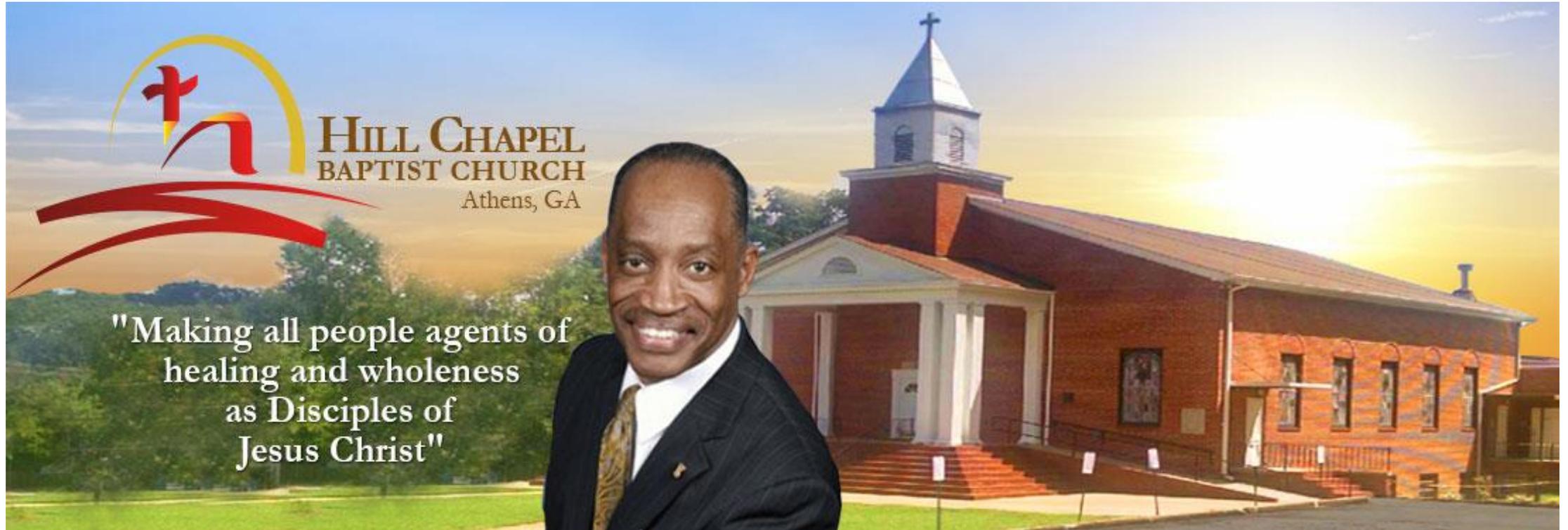


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LESSON 10

How to Have a
Happy, Healthy
Home
(Colossians 3:18-21)

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Colossians 3:18-21

18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

LET'S TALK ABOUT HOME

What does a healthy happy home look like?

What do you see as the most difficult thing about having a happy healthy home?



LET'S TALK ABOUT HOME

*By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established;
through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.*

Proverbs 24:3-4



THREE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOUND IN A GOOD HOME

Wisdom
Understanding
Knowledge



FOUR AREAS IN A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOME

- God's Design for Wives – Colossians 3:18
- God's Design for Husbands – Colossians 3:19
- God's Design for Children – Colossians 3:20
- God's Design for Parents – Colossians 3:21

Wisdom, understanding, and knowledge is needed to be applied to the four areas listed in a happy healthy home.

THE WIFE AS A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOMEMAKER

Colossians 3:18

18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

submit – calling for wives to honor the position of the husband in the marriage
not diminishing the equality or dignity of the wife

as it is fitting in the Lord. – submitting to that which is in line with the Word of God

Jesus is the example

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross (Phil. 2:6-8)!

THE WIFE AS A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOMEMAKER

How should a wife apply wisdom, understanding, knowledge to her role and responsibility?



THE HUSBAND AS A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOMEMAKER

Colossians 3:19

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

love – a continuous action – keep loving your wives and sacrificing for them
as it is fitting in the Lord. – submitting to that which is in line with the Word of God
harsh – bitter, never displaying rudeness or resentment, treat with kindness and respect

Jesus is the example

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
(Ephesians 5:24)

THE HUSBAND AS A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOMEMAKER

How should a husband apply wisdom, understanding, knowledge to his role and responsibility?



THE CHILDREN AS A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOMEMAKER

Colossians 3:20

20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

obey – listen and carry out

Following the 5th Commandment

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you (Exodus 20:12).

THE CHILDREN AS A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOMEMAKER

How should a child apply wisdom, understanding, knowledge to their role and responsibility?



THE PARENTS AS A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOMEMAKER

Colossians 3:21

21 Fathers (parents), do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

embitter – poison, make sour

Know the difference between discipline and punishment

- ✓ Discipline promotes change; punishment inflicts pain.
- ✓ Discipline focuses on future behavior; punishment focuses on past behavior.
- ✓ Discipline is usually dispensed in love; punishment is usually administered out of frustration and anger.

WATCH THE MOTIVATION OF YOUR ACTIONS

Wrath

The emotion of anger let loose or vented. Discipline should only be administered when parents are cool, calm and collected.

Ask yourself: “Is my child afraid of me.”

Love

Always discipline to protect and guide, never just to dispense pain or punishment.

THE PARENT AS A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOMEMAKER

How should a parent apply wisdom, understanding, knowledge to their role and responsibility?



THE INDIVIDUAL AS A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOMEMAKER

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17).

How should an individual apply wisdom, understanding, knowledge to their role and responsibility?



MAKE YOURS A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOME

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