

## BUILT TO LAST

*How to Build a Successful Marriage and Family*

# **HOME SWEET HOME**

1 Peter 3:8-12

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**How can you experience love, joy, and peace at home?**

**1. You can develop a godly attitude.**

*To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit .... 1 Peter 3:8*

- A. The Holy Spirit produces a harmonious atmosphere.
- B. The Holy Spirit produces a kind and caring heart.
- C. The Holy Spirit only works when you are humble.  
*GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT HE GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. James 4:6*

**2. You can develop godly communication.**

*... not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9*

- A. Make the choice to not verbally retaliate.
- B. Make the choice to guard your mouth.  
*Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. Psalm 141:3*
- C. Make the choice to communicate in love not anger.

**3. You can seek peace and pursue it.**

*"AND LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT." 1 Peter 3:11*

- A. True peace comes when there is no unresolved conflict.
- B. True peace comes with seeking and granting forgiveness.

1. There must be godly sorrow and repentance.

*For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10*

2. There must be a willingness to forgive.

*"And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions." Mark 11:25-26*

3. There must be sufficient time to rebuild trust.

**If you will do it God's way, you will experience God's best.**