

# RELIGION

## PRAISES FROM VICTORY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

*.. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

### ON DISCIPLESHIP AND DOMESTIC CHRISTIANITY:

We all know the old saying: "... Charity begins at home." So it is with discipleship and its relationship to the "Spiritual order of a house." In Biblical terms, *house* stands for *family*; *home* is the collective unity of persons dwelling within a place. Abraham's tent is depicted as type of heaven, Galatians 4: 19-28, giving us an example of what our homes should be like. Throughout the Bible, we find references to domestic affairs (Genesis, Chapters 12 through 22). Ephesians 6: 1-12 deals with the relative duties of children and of parents, all bearing on the "Spiritual order of the house" and the elements of home-style spiritual training.

The family *then* and *now* represents the foundation of Christian living (or Discipleship). Christian Spirit is the basis for a cohesive family and a wholesome, healthy family life. It then follows, that parents need Spiritual guidance to raise children and to maintain the Christian Spirit in the home, thus preparing us and our children for discipleship in the "field" (*field* in Biblical language means *world*). Parents who are unskilled in the Word have failed in their first responsibility of Discipleship, Hebrews 5:13. Wisdom is the key. The Word tells us that wisdom brings us manifold benefits, among them, peace, happiness, length of days and grace, Proverbs 3:13-26. "We can't teach what we don't know, and we can't lead where we don't go." A challenge once given to parents and teachers, found in the document "Summerhill"



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reads: "How can you teach a child to reach beyond himself and touch the stars, you who have stooped so low? How can you tell a child to dwell in honor and in truth, you who have lived a lie? How can you say the way of life is through the gate of love, you who have learned to hate? How can you dare to teach him prayer, you who no longer pray?"

Our children are the Lord's reward, made in our likeness and image. We must "take them into our arms and bring them to Jesus," by equipping ourselves with the

John 1:1

knowledge of His Word and laying the foundation for Christian living that will shield them from unrighteous ways of drugs, prostitution, delinquency and other evils which plague our society.

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