

# A SERIES: THE BLACK FAMILY AND THE CHALLENGES OF THE 80'S

## PART VIII — FOR OUR CHILDREN...

### THE QUEST FOR TRUTH... OUR BEST LIVING REALITY

by Maudra Jones

#### ... SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS

"... Inside the Bible's pages lie the answers to all the problems man has ever known..."

Year of the Bible — 1983

Almost a year ago the above statement was cited in a special tribute to the Nevada Jurisdiction of the Churches of God in Christ. On the occasion of the 35th Annual Holy Convocation of the Churches of God in Christ, the Regional Office of the National Association of Family and the Religious Community saluted this church body in recognition of its progressive leadership and involvement in the real life issues of our times — "giving meaning and substance to the Christian experience...based upon and supported by Biblical truth, as it proclaims the Gospel of Christ, it must relate to the secular world of which it is a part...."

Of significant note was the program devoted to youth needs, under the theme: "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Which Strengthens Me," Philippians 4:13. Workshops for young people were directed to discus-

sions that involved specific implications for the home, church, school and community, on such topics as: "Dedication of the Mind;" "Cultivating Your Gifts and Talents;" "Responsibilities and Obligations of Young People to the Church and to Adults;" and "Faith to Believe I can."

In keeping with the objectives of the National Association of Family and the Religious Community, this experience in preserving and nurturing spiritual unity and values gave concrete substance to serving for the living of these days. On a deeper level, it was a demonstration of the source for solutions at work.

Yet another demonstration of "solutions at work" was shared by participants in the recent workshop sponsored by the Women's Department, during a week of District Meetings at the Pentacostal Temple in Las Vegas. It is fitting that we begin our con-

versations on "Searching for Solutions" with the insights offered by Supt. Claude H. Parson, Pastor of Vegas View Church of God in Christ, in his presentation of the subject: "Developing the Christian Family in an Immortal Society."

The following, by permission of Supt. Parson, is offered for your prayerful consideration:



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#### Bible Teaching on the Christian Family

Gen. 1:27-28 *Be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth.*

##### FOR HUSBANDS

Gen. 2:24 — (Leave father and mother) (Cleave to your wife)

I Peter 3:7 — (Dwell according to knowledge) (Honor as a weaker vessel)

Prov. 18:22 — (Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing)

Eph. 5:22-33 — (Wives submit to husband) (Husbands love wives as your own body)

I Tim. 3:12 — (Be the husband of one wife) (Ruling your children well)

I Cor. 7:3 — (Render due benevolence) (Defraud not) (Do not deny sexual satisfaction to each other)

Prov. 6:23-29 — (Men beware!)

##### FOR FATHERS

Eph. 6:4 — (Provoke not — nurture and admonish your children)

I Tim. 3:4-5 — (Rule your own house)

I Cor. 11:3 — (The head of man is Christ)

Titus 2:1-2 — (Men be sober, grave, temperate)

Titus 2:6-8 — (Show patterns of good works, sound in speech)

Prov. 13:22 — (Leave something for your children)

##### FOR WIVES

Gen. 2:18 — (Helpmeet)

I Peter 3:1-6 — (Winning unsaved husbands)

I Tim. 2:9-10 — (How to dress)

I Cor. 7:4-5 — (The wife has not power over her own body)

I Cor. 7:13 — (Not to put unsaved husband away)

##### FOR MOTHERS

Prov. 30:11-12 — (A child left to himself) (The heart of her husband shall safely trust)

Prov. 30:27-28 — (Her children rise up and call her blessed)

Titus 2:3-5 — (Teach good things—love your children)

I Tim. 5:14 — (Marry, bare children, guide the house)

##### FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Eph. 6:1-3 — (Honor and obey)

I Peter 5:5 — (Younger submit to elder)

I Tim. 4:12 — (Let not man despise thy youth)

Col. 3:20 — (Children obey parents in everything)

I Cor. 7:2-9 — (Avoid fornication)

##### FOR PARENTS

Prov. 13:24 — (Do you hate your son?)

Prov. 22:6 — (Train up a child)

Prov. 13:24 — (Spare the rod)

Prov. 4:5-7 — (Wisdom is the principle thing)

Matt. 19:4-6 (One flesh, what God hath joined together)

Mal. 2:14-16 — (God hates divorce) (Do not deal deceitfully with your wife)

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What effects does rock & roll music have on the attitude and behavior of young people?
2. How important is it to develop good work habits in children? How can this be accomplished?
3. Does the movie industry discourage Christian morality? What should we teach about movies?
4. What are the negative effects of Cable and HBO television? Are there any positive effects?
5. How much supervision should be given to our children? How can we teach independence, freedom of choice, and individual responsibility for behavior?
6. What negative effects does a divorce have on children?
7. What advantages are there for the family in staying with one wife or husband until death?
8. How does the act of adultery undermine the Christian family?
9. Should parents establish house rules and discuss them with their children?
10. How important is the family home evening, and what should be done at this time?
11. Can saints go to Church too much? What do you consider sensible Church attendance?
12. What should determine the number of children a couple should have?
13. What does the Church of God in Christ teach about abortion?
14. How important is education in American society? Should the family provide for college education for those members that wish to attend?
15. How important is it to set family goals and work collectively toward those goals? For example:
  - a) Maintaining the home
  - b) Family vacations
  - c) Family business
  - d) Education of Children
  - e) Planning Holidays and picnics
  - f) Church attendance
  - g) Family home evenings
  - h) Visiting relatives
  - i) Birthday parties
16. How important is it for families to eat their meals together?
17. Should there be curfew for family members?
18. Should family members and children know where each other are at all times?

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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