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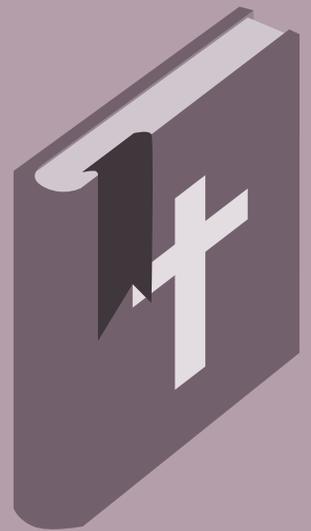
One of the most important things that Jesus wants us to do is to love others. In the Gospel of *John*, Jesus said this at the Last Supper, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (*John* 13:34–35). Jesus cares very much about our **relationships** with other people. He wants our relationships with others to be characterized by love. The Bible teaches us about relationships among people and how God wants us to live, act, and speak in our relationships with others.

In this LIFEPAC®, you will study about the relationships the Christian has to others. The title of the LIFEPAC is *The Christian in the World*. By “world,” we mean the different places and situations where we **interact** with others. Many times, we are in places and situations with other Christians, such as with our family or at our church. Other times, we may be in situations or places where the people are not Christians or are not living a Christian life. Jesus wants us to learn how to have good relationships in all situations.

Sometimes in the New Testament the word “world” means a system of relationships and organizations that are opposed to the Kingdom of God. Sometimes we will find it necessary to be in those situations; that is, to be in the “world” in a bad sense of the word.

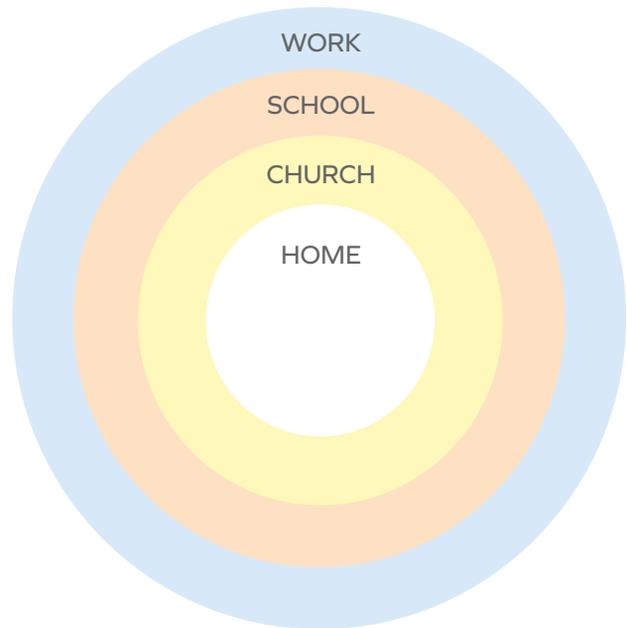
Before Jesus was arrested and crucified, he prayed for His disciples, “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are” (*John* 17:11). He also prayed, “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world” (*John* 17:16). By this, He meant that Christians would have to live out their lives in this world of things opposed to God, but Christians were not to live, act, or speak like people of this world system opposed to God and His Kingdom. Christians are to live in the world while belonging to God and His Kingdom!

God wants you to live a holy life in this world. He also wants you to live a happy and useful life. The Bible teaches us how to live in this world. One whole book of the Bible, the Book of *Proverbs*, is devoted to the subject of how best to live in this world. It teaches us much about living holy lives and having the right kinds of relationships with people. In this LIFE PAC, you will study many of the verses about holy living from the Book of *Proverbs*.



Life's Four Worlds

A Christian may live in four worlds from the beginning to the end of life. These are the worlds of the home, church, school, and work. These worlds are like four circles which become larger as the person grows older. These four worlds are illustrated in Figure 1. The first world is the circle of the *home*. The family is where the first lessons about God and life need to be learned. The second circle expands to the larger circle of the church. The church is also a place where we learn more about God and holy living. We meet other Christians in church and form relationships with them. The third circle expands to the school where new relationships with friends, companions, and adults are formed. For those families that home-school, these school relationships can be with other home-schooling families and/or with those who offer activities helpful to home-schoolers. Finally, the fourth world is the one of work, where we serve in an occupation or in establishing a new home.



| Figure 1: Life's Four Worlds

The Book of *Proverbs* in the Old Testament contains much wisdom in teaching us about relationships in each of "Life's Four Worlds." *Proverbs* 9:10 gives a key to living the Christian life in each of these circles of life: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." What we need in each of these life circles is God's wisdom to relate to people in the best way. To receive God's wisdom, we must *fear* the Lord. To fear the Lord means to *trust* Him to give us His wisdom. To *fear* the Lord also means that we have a *reverence* and *awe* toward God, realizing who He is and who we are.

The Book of *Proverbs* is full of God's wisdom. Studying the Book of *Proverbs* will help you learn more of God's wisdom. The wisdom that comes from God is what we need to get along with other people. *Wisdom* means *knowing the best way to live, act, and speak*. Wisdom includes learning, judgment, good sense, and right thinking. These attitudes and abilities come from knowing God, trusting God, and asking God for wisdom. The Bible encourages us to ask God for wisdom and to trust Him for wisdom. The Book of *James* says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (*James* 1:5). The Book of *Proverbs* says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (*Proverbs* 3:5-6).

To live the best way in any circle of life—home, church, school, or work—you must first know God through Jesus Christ. You must depend upon God for wisdom and understanding. The Book of *Proverbs* is a guide for Christian living because it teaches us to put God first. It contains God’s words and thoughts about human relationships. The Book of *Proverbs* shows us how to get along with others by first getting to know God. The New Testament teaches us that Jesus Christ is the way to God. To know God, we must come to Jesus Christ. The Gospel of *John* says, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (*John* 14:6). Jesus is the Wisdom and Word of God. The Apostle Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians, “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (*1 Corinthians* 1:30).

In this LIFEPAC, you will learn more about how God wants you to relate to others in life’s four worlds: the home, the church, in school, and at work. You will study more about God’s wisdom of these relationships in the Book of *Proverbs* and in other passages from the Bible.

Objectives

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAC. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have finished this LIFEPAC, you should be able to:

1. Describe the “four worlds” in which a person lives.
2. Identify four duties of children in the home.
3. Identify three duties of a Christian in the church.
4. Identify three duties of students in school or home-school.
5. Identify three duties of a Christian in the world of work.
6. Describe the relationships among members of the family.
7. Describe the relationships among members of the church.
8. Name six characteristics of a Christian student.
9. Name six characteristics of a Christian in the world of work.
10. Explain how God will help a Christian succeed in the world of work.

1. RELATIONSHIPS IN THE HOME

INTRODUCTION

The home is the most basic and the most important of “Life’s Four Worlds.” The home is the place where our most important relationships are **nourished**. These are the relationships between husband and wife, parents and children, and children with each other. God has given us His wisdom for these relationships in the home. The **responsibility** for this **instruction** in God’s wisdom is upon the parents, but the responsibility for *receiving* this instruction is upon the children. The **primary** place that God wants children to learn about His wisdom is in the home. God wants parents to teach their children how to live rightly according to God’s wisdom as found in the Bible. God wants children to listen and receive this teaching from their parents.

God’s ideal home is one in which all members of the family love God and love one another. Each member of the family is in right **relationship** with God and with one another. In the ideal home, the parents know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. They follow Jesus and want God’s will to be done in their home and lives. The parents also love and respect each other. They teach their children, by word and example, to know the Lord and to follow Him.

Parents are responsible for teaching the Lord’s ways and wisdom to their children. The Bible is the best source for this instruction. As has been mentioned, the Book of *Proverbs* contains much wisdom for building right relationships. At the beginning of *Proverbs*, we read that it is better “To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion” (*Proverbs* 1:2-4).

Parents in the home are called to learn and use God’s wisdom for their own lives and the lives of their children. We will look at other passages from the Book of *Proverbs* in this LIFEPAAC that will help obtain God’s wisdom for the home.

Other passages from the Bible offer instruction for parents and children. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul wrote, “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (*Ephesians* 5:18–27). He also wrote, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (*Ephesians* 6:1–4)

We will explore a number of passages from the Book of *Proverbs* and elsewhere in the Bible in this section of the LIFEPAAC.



Read Genesis 1:28–31 and Genesis 3:1–21



| Parents are commanded to learn God’s wisdom for themselves and their children.

Objectives

Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Describe the four “worlds” in which a person lives.
2. Identify four duties of children in the home.
6. Describe the relationships among members of the family.

Vocabulary

Study these new words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAC.

attitude (at i tüd). The feeling, manner, and behavior of a person toward a situation, cause, or another person.

character (kär ik tèt). All the qualities or features possessed; nature.

chastise (chas tīz). To inflict punishment upon.

honor (on èr). To give respect to; think highly of.

instruction (in struk shun). A teaching or educating.

nourishment (nèt ish munt). Food that makes you grow.

relationship (ri lā shun ship). The connection between people.

responsibility (ri spon su bil u tē). An obligation; a person or thing for which one is responsible.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tēm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /ʦH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.



Complete these statements.

- 1.1 Jesus cares a lot about our _____ with other people.
- 1.2 God wants you to live a _____ in this world.
- 1.3 The four “worlds” of a Christian are the a. _____ ,
b. _____ , c. _____ , and
d. _____ .
- 1.4 The _____ is where the first lessons about God and life need to be learned.
- 1.5 _____ means knowing the best way to live, act, and speak.
- 1.6 The responsibility for giving instruction in God’s wisdom is upon the
a. _____ , but the responsibility for receiving this
instruction is upon the b. _____ .
- 1.7 God’s ideal home is one in which all members of the family a. _____
and b. _____ .



Memorize this Bible verse.

- 1.8 Memorize *Proverbs* 9:10. When you have memorized this verse, write it on the following blank lines. _____

Loving Others

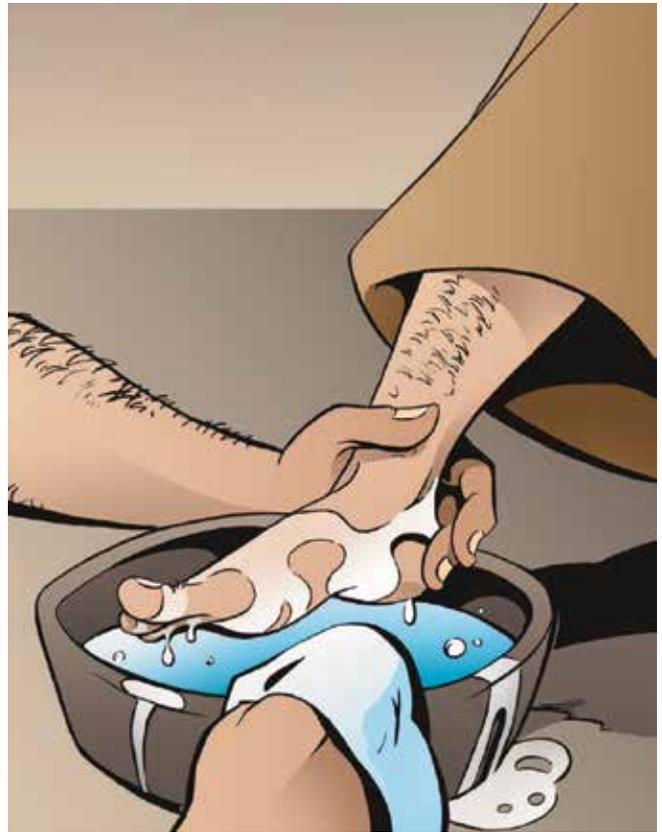
The most important thing about relationships in the home is for family members to *love one another*. In fact, for the Christian, love is the single most important aspect of one's life. At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (*John 13:34*). Nothing is more important than learning how to love others and then practicing this love. The home should be the primary place where we learn how to love as Jesus wants us to do. Love should characterize the relationships in the home.

The Book of *Proverbs* contains a good passage about love and its importance in our lives. It says, "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man." (*Proverbs 3:3-4*).

It is important to always remember that Jesus wants us to love others, especially those in our own family. One of the best passages in the whole Bible about the kind of love that Jesus wants us to have is in *1 Corinthians* chapter 13. In this passage, we can learn about the kind of love that Jesus Christ wants us to have in the family. The Apostle Paul writes, "Charity (love) suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things" (*1 Corinthians 13:4-7*).



Read *Proverbs 3:3-4* and
1 Corinthians 13:1-8



| Christ loved his disciples, even unto death.



Answer these questions.

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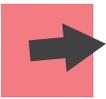
What is the most important thing about relationships in the home?

1.10

According to *Proverbs* 3:3–4, what are two things that should never leave us?

a. _____

b. _____



Do this activity.

1.11

Look at the Scripture passage in *1 Corinthians* 13:4–7 as written in this section of the LIFEPAK above. According to this passage, list fifteen things that “love” *is* or *is not*, *does* or *does not* do.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____

h. _____

i. _____

j. _____

k. _____

l. _____

m. _____

n. _____

o. _____

SELF TEST 1

Match these items (each answer, 3 points).

- | | | |
|-------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1.01 | _____ relationships with others | a. most important aspect of one's life |
| 1.02 | _____ <i>Proverbs</i> | b. mentioned eleven times in <i>Proverbs</i> |
| 1.03 | _____ Jesus | c. shows how mind thinks and heart feels |
| 1.04 | _____ parents | d. the four worlds |
| 1.05 | _____ love | e. organize material |
| 1.06 | _____ obedience | f. follow God's ways |
| 1.07 | _____ hear | g. may be more than words |
| 1.08 | _____ correction | h. the way, the truth, and the life |
| 1.09 | _____ behavior | i. a book containing God's wisdom |
| 1.010 | _____ happiest homes | j. responsible for teaching children |
| | | k. Jesus cares about these |
| | | l. follows hearing |

Answer true or false (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.011 _____ The first place for children to learn about God is in Sunday School at church.
- 1.012 _____ Parents and children should listen to each other.
- 1.013 _____ Correction in the home includes discussion only.
- 1.014 _____ The discipline of God and parents is a sign of love.
- 1.015 _____ Home training changes attitudes as well as action.
- 1.016 _____ Parents guide children only by instruction.
- 1.017 _____ Nothing is in the New Testament about a child's relationship with parents.
- 1.018 _____ God's Word tells parents to discipline their children.

Complete these lists (each answer, 3 points).

1.031 List the four “worlds” in a Christian’s life.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

1.032 List **any six** of the fifteen qualities of love according to *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

Write the following Scripture passage from memory (this answer, 5 points).

1.033 *Proverbs 22:6* _____

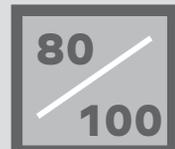


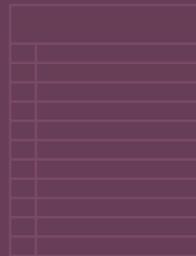
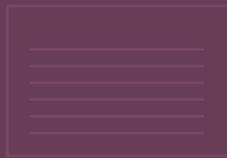
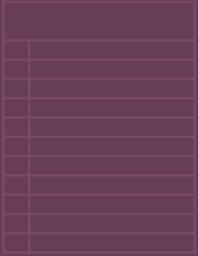
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