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## CHRISTIAN HOME

***“But if a widow has children or grandchildren, they should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents.” (1 Timothy 5:4 NIV)***

Paul is giving counsel that seems obvious and elementary. But from his day to this his words have never ceased to be in point. While discussing the domestic problems of fatherless homes, he speaks a word concerning filial obligations that children of our day do well to cherish. He indicates that:

- I. Conduct at home is a prelude and promise of character that is to be.
- II. A primary call of religion to youth is the meeting of duties in the home.
- III. Parental sacrifices for children call for grateful recognition.
- IV. Learning religion at home safeguards the spiritual destiny of children.

### **Successful home**

life is a joint enterprise in which parents and children must lovingly cooperate. Recognition of God in the home through worship safeguards love, unity, and happiness in the household.

- A. There must be a visual form of recognition of God in the home. A simple ritual of worship objectifies the fact and place of God in daily life.
- B. Domestic peace and genuine unity are guaranteed where households sincerely join in the worship of God.
- C. Reverence and all other Christian virtues are best taught through organized worship in the household.

**Worshipping households bless the world with a generation of Christian teachers – our only recourse for a strong vital church. Let us unify and sanctify our home life by regular and joyous household worship. AMEN. Selected**

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

