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build homework

DUE: January 13, 2018

Before you begin your homework, take some time to pray and direct your heart and mind towards God and His Word. Ask God for help in submitting your life and thoughts to His word that you might draw near to Him in this time. Ask Him to increase your desire to know and love and obey Him.

LOOKING BACK...

Look back at your notes from December 9 (D2 - A Biblical Survey of the Home) and remind yourself of God's heart for the household.

GOD'S CONCERN FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

1. Take another look at Deuteronomy 4:9,10. We have been talking this year about how "Discipline 1" (D1) relates to the shepherding of our own hearts and D2 relates to the shepherding of our homes. What do these verses tell us about the priority of heart shepherding relative to home shepherding? Are there any ways in which you are tempted to leapfrog over D1 to get to D2?

GOD'S HEART FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

2. Read Joshua 24:14,15 again and remind yourself of the significance of the region of Shechem (Gen 35:1-4; Josh 24:1,2). What do verses 14 and 15 tell us must be true about households that desire to serve the Lord?

3. Read the story of Samuel's sons in 2 Samuel 7:15-8:6. What was the main reason why Israel asked Samuel to appoint a king over them? What does this story reveal about the effectiveness of D3 (The Ministry) in a man's life when he is lacking in D2?

FORGETTING GOD IN THE HOUSEHOLD

4. Remind yourself of the prosperity Israel would enjoy upon entry into the Promised Land (Deut 6:10,11). According to Deut 8:11-14, what would cause Israel to forget the Lord after receiving so many blessings? What warning can we take from this passage?

THE ATTACK ON THE HOUSEHOLD

5. Look again at Titus 1:7-14 taking note of the condition of some of the families on Crete (v 11). What household figure appears to be functioning badly in this situation? If you are a husband or father, how does this passage challenge you? If you are not married, what does this passage tell you must be a growing part of your life before you pursue marriage?

THE NT MODEL FOR MARRIAGE

6. Read Eph 5:25-27 again. If you are married, how are you encouraged and how are you challenged by this passage?, If you are unmarried, how does this passage inform your view of what is required for a successful marriage?

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for Saturday, January 13 (D1 – Lessons for My Heart from Israel's Kings), think about what is happening at a heart level that causes some situations that start well to also well while others end badly. Ask the Lord to give you an open mind to what Scripture has to say about the role of our hearts in our life circumstances.