



## Lesson 11

### *Loving Married Children*

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*For this reason a man shall leave  
his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife,  
and the two shall become one flesh.*

Ephesians 5:31

“It was not easy for our parents to let us go. They knew from the start that they were trustees, not owners, of the children God had given them. We were not their property. We had been lent to them for a time, a sacred trust of which they were the divinely assigned trustees. A time came when that trust had been discharged.”

Elisabeth Elliot, *The Shaping of a Christian Family*

Genesis 2:24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.* KJV

“Shall leave his father and mother – This means, shall bind himself more strongly to his wife than he was to his father or mother. The marriage connection is the most tender and endearing of all human relations more tender than even that bond which unites us to a parent.”

Albert Barnes

## *Adjustment as a Mother*

James 1:17 *Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.*

Proverbs 18:22 *He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.*

Matthew 19:5 *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*

Genesis 2:18 *Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."*

Isaiah 62:5 *For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you.*

How did you transition from mother of a single child to mother of a married child?

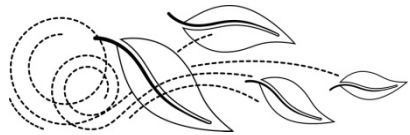
## *Adjustment as a Mother-in-Law*

Genesis 3:16 . . . *Yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.*

I Corinthians 11:3 *But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.*

1. How do you love them as your own? (I Corinthians 13)

2. What guidelines do you have for yourself as a parent of married children?



## *Helping Materially or Financially*

Proverbs 22:7 *The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower becomes the lender's slave.*

Philippians 4:19 *And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Psalms 128:1-2 *How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you.*

Luke 12:22-31

Acts 2:44, 45 *And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and as they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.*

1. Should you offer help?

2. If so, how and when is it appropriate?

## *Long-Distance Relationships and Other Challenges*

Job 1:4-5

Proverbs 17:6 *Grandchildren are the crown of old men, and the glory of sons is their fathers.*

Psalm 78:4 *We will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.*

Psalm 78:7 *That they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.*

1. How do you stay in touch and foster a close relationship?

*Ephesians 4:31,32 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.*

*I Corinthians 13:4, 5 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered . . . .*

*Philippians 3:13-14 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

2. How do you handle strained relationships and possible misunderstandings?

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