# Family Life Conference

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# **Grace Doctrine Church**

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Nursery and Prep School provided each evening.

# Lesson 1:

# God's Grace System: Grace vs. Shame in the Family



# Lesson 2:

# Motivation: How It Works—Basic Needs

#### **Individual Motivation**

- BASIC NEEDS
- STANDARDS
- REALITY ORIENTATION

#### **BASIC HUMAN NEEDS**

IDENTITY Christ, self, body, priorities
RELATIONSHIP Love, being understood, etc.
DIRECTION Word, principles, code, beliefs
SENSE OF HUMOR Knowing Self, Accepting Failure

BOUNDARIES
SECURITY
MODELING
BALANCE
Discipline, divine, human
Protection, predictability
Righteous, unrighteous
No negative extremes

ATTENTION Recognition, Encouragement, Warmth

VALIDATION Worth, value, purpose, destiny

Many Others----

#### **STANDARDS**

CORRECT Standard, Truth

TRUST Truth, Faith, Belief System

• EXPECTATIONS Truth, Results

#### REALITY ORIENTATION (REAL EXPECTATIONS, Life Results)

 DIVINE TRUTH confidence - hope Living a lie (Evil) Living the Truth

CIRCUMSTANTIAL TRUTH

Wisdom or suspiciousness

## Lesson 3:

# Character, Integrity, Grace, & the Family!

And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. (Acts 7:13)

What is Character?

How to build Character in the family?

The 50 traits of Character

(1) Humility, (2) Dependability, (3) Diligence, (4) Honesty, (5) Loyalty,

(6) Wisdom, (7) Responsibility, (8) Patience

#### **Evidence of need for Character Building:**

Anger and Bitterness Broken Families Misplaced Priorities Disturbed Balance Disorganization

**Pettiness** 

Misuse of Power - Abuse

#### How Character and Integrity and Grace repairs!

## Lesson 4:

# Marriage Importance: It Affects Parenting

There are two responsibilities, yea, four inevitable results of either a positive or negative marriage experience brought to the family.

The confusion that comes as a result of these either/or situations will determine which way the Family goes. Either Positive or Negative. Of course, this is seldom a black and white situation that prevails even though there is always the evidence these behaviors (Good and Bad) are present to some degrees in each marriage. Each marriage, because of flawed human beings, has some evidence of both positive and negative results. The family will reflect this degree of failure and success. Parents are the leaders. As goes the leaders, so goes the family.

1. The Marriage either brings Love (worthy), Importance (value), and Accepting (belonging) to all members of the Family or a marriage will create an atmosphere of Rejection, being Unloved, and Inadequacy to all members of the Family.

Each Member can then choose to accept or reject either the rejection or acceptance, etc.

2. Either the marriage will demonstrate the appropriate use of authority (responsibility) or the misuse of authority (abuse).

And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. (Acts 16:31–32)

Willingness and truth are basic elements that are necessary for healing and repairing a broken family. FAM can help hurting people reach the goals of healing and repairing. Quentin and wife, Beverly, are now living in Alabama and are available for any ministry opportunity.

Quentin's passion is to help hurting families as well as to help those who help hurting families. His practical approach and Bible based guidance has developed into a passion which provides his reader and listener with the courage and practical information to grow and mature. His desire is to see strong and confidant parents and respectful children back in the American family.

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