

an effort to please your children. At times, some mode of discipline needs to be enacted (Heb. 12:9-11). May our homes be filled with fathers who hold to God's Word, and who are steadfast and sturdy as they carry out their important jobs.

4) Home That Are Joyous With Love And Song. So many homes are filled with sadness and depression. May our homes be purposefully filled with happiness (Jam. 5:13) and joy (Php. 4:4). This takes work and patience on the part of each member of the family, especially the mother and father.

5) Homes Where The Lord Is An Honored Guest. The Lord should be welcome in our homes all of the time, not just when the elders or preacher might be visiting. May our homes be filled with folks like Zacchaeus who wanted to see the Lord so badly he *"climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him"* (Lk. 19:4). Later, he immediately, readily, and joyfully welcomed Jesus into his home (Lk. 19:5-6). Would Jesus be welcome in your home?

6) Homes Where The Altar Fires Burn And Glow. This is an allusion to worship and assembling. May our homes be filled with parents who teach their children the importance of truthful and spirited worship (Jn. 4:24). May our homes be filled with children who never ask if they are going to worship services or Bible study, because they know they are (Heb. 10:25). May our homes be filled with families who are *"hot"* for the Lord, not *"lukewarm"* and tepid (Rev. 3:15-16). What sort of home are you part of, and how are you contributing?

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"...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight..." (Matt. 3:3)

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"CHRIST-LIKE HOMES" by Larry R. Ping II

Reasons for singing are many. First, it is ordered by God (Eph. 5:19). As well, it is a channel through which we praise and magnify God (Acts 16:25). Moreover, when we sing together, we *"teach"* and *"admonish"* one another (Col. 3:16). This is why we need to pay particular attention to the words we sing.

A song written by B.B. McKinney entitled "God Give Us Christian Homes" is full of good material about the home. When homes crumble and collapse, the nation does too. As well, it begins to affect the Lord's Church. Consider some of the lyrics of this good song.

1) Homes Where The Bible Is Loved And Taught. Oh, for more homes where God's Word is champion. May our homes be filled with Cornelius-like folks, who desire to *"hear all things that are commanded...of God"* (Acts 10:33).

2) Homes Where The Master's Will Is Sought. Fathers are charged to *"bring them (children) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"* (Eph. 6:4). Solomon said, *"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame"* (Prov. 29:15). May our homes be filled with parents who seek the Lord and His way.

3) Homes Where The Father Is True And Strong. Fathers have an enormous effect on their children. Paul authored, *"Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged"* (Col. 3:21). Fathering is not always easy, nor is it always in

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BIBLE READING QUESTIONS

The Bible reading for Apr. 16-Apr. 22 spans Exo. 22:18-Exo. 30:33. Answer the following questions based upon your reading.

- 1) Who were the children not to follow (Exo. 23:2)?

- 2) “And the _____ of the glory of the LORD was like devouring _____ on the top of the mount in the _____ of the children of Israel” (Exo. 24:17).
- 3) Moses was warned to make things after the _____ (Exo. 25:40).
- 4) “And thou shalt put the mercy _____ upon the _____ of the testimony in the _____ holy place” (Exo.26:34).
- 5) What two reasons were priestly garments made (Exo. 28:2)? _____
- 6) “And thus shalt thou do unto _____, and to his _____, according to _____ things which I have commanded thee: _____ days shalt thou consecrate them” (Exo. 29:35).
- 7) Who was to give an offering according to Exodus 30:14?

READING SCHEDULE AND MEMORY VERSES FOR THE DAYS OF APR. 16-APR. 22, 2023.

April 16, 2023: Exo. 22:18-Exo. 23:22

April 17, 2023: Exo. 23:23-Exo. 25:16

April 18, 2023: Exo. 25:17-Exo. 26:13

April 19, 2023: Exo. 26:14-Exo. 27:21

April 20, 2023: Exo. 28:1-Exo. 28:39

April 21, 2023: Exo. 28:40-Exo. 29:35

April 22, 2023: Exo. 29:36-Exo. 30:33

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book” (Exo. 32:33).

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs” (I Tim. 6:10).

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