FAMILY IN FOCUS: GOD'S DESIGN

Gen. 1:26-27; 2:18-25; Eph. 5:21-33

GEN 1:26-28

In Creation, God designed mankind in His image, giving them authority over all the other creatures He had made.

God made mankind with two genders: male and female.

Mankind was called to be fruitful and multiply

GEN 2:18-25

It is not good for man to be alone (See 1:28)

God created woman to meet man's great lack

Marriage is established (Vs. 24)

Intimacy within the bounds of marriage is shame free

For more on marriage and the home, please see 1 Corinthians 6:12 – 7:40

EPHESIANS 5:21FF

In a Christ-centered home:

The Holy Spirit is in control (vs. 18)

Gratitude is ever-present (vs. 20)

Reverence for Christ leads to mutual submission

Wives willingly line up under the spiritual leadership of the husband

Husbands take their role as spiritual leadership seriously, fully dependent upon the Spirit of God

Husbands love their wives as Christ loves the Church – Purely, supremely, sacrificially, unconditionally

"Search my home, O God, and know our hearts..."

Don't despair if you find disparity between your home and His expectations. Recall that you cannot do this without the work of the Holy Spirit, and submit to His work in you and through you.