Rebuilding Our Homes – Laying the Foundation

Introduction Notice the word “rebuilding” in our title. A lot of American families need to be rebuilt. Which does your family more closely resemble, the Duggars or the Kardashians? TV shows in the 1950’s and 60’s were like “Leave It To Beaver” or “Father Knows Best” were popular because they resembled the average family. We are on the path or **Romans 1.28ff**.

**I) The Modern Family**

**A) Biological parents not rearing their children**

**B) Resulting in a deep poverty**

**II) Where To Start**

**A) A has no beginning or end**

1. A cycle once started tends to continue, in this case on a downward spiral.

2. Dating, marriage, becoming a “real husband/wife”, having children, rearing those children, the empty nest, and the last years together.

**B) In order to break the cycle you must start somewhere on that circle.**

**III) Basis of Marriage**

**A) Every house must have a , Matthew 12.25.**

1. No matter how beautiful the outward appearance of a house, it must have a good foundation in order to stand. **Matthew 7.24ff.**

2. Wrong foundation-

**B) God, Genesis 2 & 3**

1. If the foundation is right then the marriage will be able to stand the rain, wind, and storms of life. **Matthew 7.24ff**

2. This does not mean all problems will disappear because you may have built poorly on the right foundation but even then you can rebuild and improve your marriage.

3. Where does God fit into your marriage?

**IV) God’s Word and Authority is the Right Foundation**

**A) We must hear the word of God and be to**

1. Our spouses in order to serve God and go to heaven.

2. Our children in order to teach them to serve God and go to heaven.

3. To be happy in this life

**B) The right foundation starts with**

Conclusion: Next less on we will deal with marriage being a commitment to God.