LESSONS FOR LIFE – PART 1

Outline #2  Learning in the Family

1. The first family
   a) Genesis 4:3-7 What clues can we find in this narrative that confirm an educational process occurred for members of the first family?
   b) The personalities of Cain and Abel were quite different. Why is it important to remember personality differences when providing education in the family?
   c) Sometimes parents feel like failures as teachers when their children make poor choices. What can we learn from the experience of Adam and Eve?

2. Family training in Israel
   a) Deuteronomy 6:5-9 What important principles can you find in this inspired counsel that will help us to build strong families today?
   b) How had the LORD provided for Moses as a young child? Exodus 2:1-10
   c) How does the conduct of Samuel’s mother Hannah, provide an example for all parents? 1 Samuel 1:9-18, 19-28, 2:1-2, 19-21.
   d) What other stories in the Hebrew Scriptures illustrate the impact of godly parents?

3. The family of Jesus
   a) Luke 1:26-28
   b) Matthew 1:18-24
   c) Luke 1:46-55
   d) Luke 2:39-52
   f) What important lesson can we learn from the encouraging testimony recorded by Luke in Acts 1:14?

4. Building a strong family
   a) What lessons can we learn from Solomon about how to build a strong family? Proverbs 6:20-23
   b) What counsel does the apostle Paul give husbands and wives in Ephesus who desire to build strong Christian families? Ephesians 5:22-33 (see also 5:22)
   c) Why is the parenting counsel in Ephesians 6:1-4 so important for families to remember and implement?
   d) What lessons have you learned from your own experience about how to build a strong Christian family?
   e) What encouragement would you give to someone who acquired poor attitudes and destructive behaviors in an unhealthy family environment?