

# A Wise Woman Builds Her House

Mission Valley Christian Fellowship  
Fall 2007 Women's Study  
with Sandra Giovineti

## Lesson Five – Week Six *Organizing Your Home and Family Relations* *Urgent Foundations for the Christmas Season!*

### Why Jesus is Better Than Santa Claus

*\*Santa lives at the North Pole... JESUS is everywhere.*

*\*Santa rides in a sleigh... JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.*

*\*Santa comes but once a year... JESUS is an ever present help.*

*\*Santa fills your stockings with goodies... JESUS supplies all your needs.*

*\*You have to wait in line to see Santa... JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.*

*\*Santa lets you sit on his lap... JESUS lets you rest in His arms.*

*\*Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"... JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our head.*

*\*Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly... JESUS has a heart full of love.*

*\*All Santa can offer is HO HO HO... JESUS offers health, help and hope.*

*\*Santa says "You better not cry"... JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."*

*\*Santa's little helpers make toys... JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.*

*\*Santa may make you chuckle but... JESUS gives you a joy that is your strength.*

*\*While Santa puts gifts under your tree... JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.*

*Its obvious there is really no comparison! Jesus is still the reason for the season. Yes, Jesus is better, he is even better than Santa Claus.*

*-- Rev. James Spellman*

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*Dear Ladies: Begin each lesson with prayer. Ask God to open your heart and mind. Be honest with yourself and with God.*

### Organizing the Home

Read Proverbs 31:11, 1 Samuel 1:18, and 2 Chronicles 9:3-4

1. Abigail must had quite an organized home in order to get all this done so quickly and efficiently. Likewise, the Proverbs 31 woman certainly has her home in order, gaining the complete trust of her husband. Also, the Queen of Sheba perceived King Solomon was full of wisdom because of the organization of his kingdom. Is there any groundwork/standard operating procedure you could lay for your home to keep it organized? List your ideas throughout this week.

### *MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:*

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*This is certain, that a man that studieth revenge keeps  
his wounds green, which otherwise would heal and do well. - Francis Bacon*

*The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness. -William Blake*

*God pardons like a mother, who kisses the  
offense into everlasting forgiveness. -Henry Ward Beecher*

*Forgiveness unleashes joy. It brings peace. It washes the slate clean. It sets all the  
highest values of love in motion. In a sense, forgiveness is Christianity at its highest  
level. -John MacArthur*

## **Organizing Family Relations: Peacemaking and staying free from offense**

*Offense and unforgiveness are tools that the devil would use to try to tear down your  
house.*

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16 and 17

2. *(personal)* Are you holding on to old grievances and offenses? Think about this for a while (come back later if you want to!) and ask the Lord to reveal things you might not realize are hidden deep within you.

Read Matthew 26:41; Ephesians 6:11-18; and 2 Corinthians 2:10-11

3. How can we let go of these deep offenses?

Read Ephesians 2:4-9 and 1 Corinthians 15:10

4. What is **grace**? What are the benefits of grace?

5. *(personal)* Are you as good as *giving* grace as you are in *expecting* it?

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Read Matthew 5:7, 5:9, 5:38-41; 6:14-15, 18:21-22; Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37 and 11:4

6. What does Jesus say about forgiveness and keeping the peace?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:10, 2 Corinthians 5:17 and 10:4, and Revelation 21:5

7. Do you forgive *yourself*? Paul points out we must *accept* grace. Do you see yourself as Jesus sees you? How can we let go of the blame we place on ourselves?

## **Organizing Christmas through God's Eyes**

Read Matthew 6:19-20 and 6:33

8. Why should we avoid the consumer mentality that accompanies the Christmas season in this world?

Read Luke 14:33

9. How are we to treat earthly possessions?

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Read 2 Kings 17:15

10. What happens to us if we seek “worthless idols?”

Read Romans 6:23 and John 3:16

11. What is the ultimate gift?

Read Isaiah 9:6

12. What is the real meaning of Christmas?

Read Romans 3:23 and 10:9-11; John 3: 3, 3:16 and 14:6; and Revelation 3:20

13. How can you share these verses with unsaved family members whom you will see at Christmastime?

Read Philippians 4:6; Psalm 37:5 and 55:22; Proverbs 16:13; Matthew 6:25; and 1 Peter 5:7

14. What can you do before you see these family members?

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