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INTRODUCTION

The Home is very important to God. Here is a book to help church leaders preach and teach what God says about the home, marriage, and children. The church needs to know what this book teaches.

You need this book as your teacher to help you teach others. The book teaches you and then asks you questions. Read carefully and write all the answers. This way of giving lessons is called programmed instruction. It is a good way to learn. Church leaders and others can study these books at home and then meet each week with a leader to discuss the lessons. The book is the teacher, and the weekly leader is your helper. Using the books this way is called TEE or Theological Education by Extension.

Many evangelical churches in different parts of Africa are working together to give you these books. Each lesson is carefully written. Then it is tested with many people to be sure it teaches well. Other church leaders read it and give their thoughts. We are careful that the book is true to the Bible.

Christian Family Living was written in Kenya. The book has been four years in process. It is for mature pastors and church workers and is more advanced than the Bible study books you may have studied before. If it seems difficult, then you will need to read more carefully, or perhaps read the lesson a second time.

Although many people helped with Christian Family Living, the author is one.

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We need help with our families during these days. As you study this book, practice these truths in your own home. Then your home can be an example to your church. Preach sermons about the work of husband, wife, and parents. Use the lessons in special meetings. Help your people learn that Christian Family Living is a great blessing.

We would be happy for your comments on this book.

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Your friends,
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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is your teacher. It will teach you a lesson each day. Obey carefully what the book says just as you would obey a teacher. When the teacher tells you to take your Bible and read, you do not just look at him. You take your Bible and read. This is what you must do with this book.

In school the teacher tells the students something. He explains it carefully. Then he asks questions. When students answer well, the teacher goes on to the next teaching. This book uses the same way of teaching. First it gives you a small part of the lesson. Then it asks you a question. If you read carefully, you will be able to answer well. If you answer well it shows that you have understood. It also helps you to remember what you have read.

Usually you will be able to give the right answers. If you are not sure of the answer, read again the teaching from the last question. If you are still not sure, then write the best answer you can. Then go on. As you do the lesson you will find out if you are answering well. But it is very important that you always write your best answer before you read the next part. It will help if you use a piece of paper to cover the rest of the page as you read.

Move the paper down to the heavy line which looks like this: =====. Read the teaching and answer the question. Then move the paper down to the next heavy line. In this way you will not read the answer before you are ready for it. As you read the answer, think about it. It will correct you if you are learning wrong.

It will take you 10 weeks to finish this book. Do one lesson each day for five days of each week. Do not try to do two or three lessons in one day. The last questions for each day are the most important ones. They show what the teacher wants you to remember. We call these the objectives of the book. At the end of the week, you have learned well if you can answer these questions.

This book should be used with a discussion meeting each week. You should have a leader to help you with your problems. The leader should also help you discuss with other students what you have learned. If you have not studied the lessons before class, you will not understand what is being said.

If there is no leader to help you with these lessons, call together some of your friends. Ask them to study the lessons. Then meet together and let someone in the group lead a discussion. We believe you will like this kind of learning. When you come to the end of the book, you will be surprised how much you have learned.

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