

## **The Home**

WHEREAS the home was the first of the divinely given institutions; and

WHEREAS the home is the barometer as to the condition of our nation, states, cities, churches, and schools; and

WHEREAS there is a growing tendency in our country to fragmentize the family and de-emphasize the virtues of the home;

BE IT RESOLVED that we the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in annual session in Lakeland, Florida, June 26–30, 1978, dedicate ourselves anew and afresh to the Biblical principles regulating the home, being reminded that unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain that build it (Psalm 127).

These Biblical principles include preaching and teaching that marriage is not outdated; once entered into it is dissolvable only by death; that husbands are the heads of homes and are lovingly to take the leadership; wives in a submissive role are to be helpers and supporters of their husbands; children are to be reared to fear God, honor and obey parents and respect those in authority; that we uphold the home as the most central and strategic of all earthly institutions – for as our homes, so will be our churches; and as our churches, so will be our nation.

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