

## **Lesson #5 On the Proclamation to the World 7 Ideals of a Successful Family**

**Preparations:** Cut out the pieces that fit inside the house puzzle, you can use Velcro to attach them and use it over and over or you can glue them in as you do the lesson. ( You will also need your scriptures)

**Opening Song:** “The Wise man and the Foolish man” Or “Love at Home”

Opening Prayer:

Family Business:

Scripture: Paragraph 7 of the Proclamation to the World, ( Puzzle piece #5)

Lesson: Successful Marriages and Families are based on these 7 Principles:

### #1 Faith

- How can we have a house of Faith?
  - Having family and personal prayer, attending church, studying the scriptures, and having Family Home Evening.

### #2 Prayer

- How can we have a house of prayer?
  - Family and personal prayers, carry a prayer in your heart continually.
  - Scripture: 3 Nephi 18:21
  - Quote “I know of nothing that will work better to ease family tensions, to subtly bring about the respect for parents that lead to obedience, to invite the spirit of repentance that would largely erase the blight of broken homes., then praying together, confessing weakness together before the Lord, and invoking His blessings on the home and those who dwell there. (SFS, p.164)

### #3 Repentance

- How can we have a house of Repentance?  
Scripture: Moroni 8:25-26

### #4 Forgiveness

- How can we have a house of Forgiveness?
  - Quote: “Hatred always fails and bitterness always destroys... Let us be more merciful. Let us get the arrogance out of our lives, the conceit, the egotism. Let us be more compassionate, gentler, filled with more forbearance, patience, forgiveness, and a greater measure of respect one for another. In so doing, our very example will cause others with whom we associate to be more merciful, and we shall have greater claim upon the mercy of God who in His love will be generous towards us. (SFS p. 69,78)

### #5 Respect

- How can we have a house of respect?
  - Quote, “Civility carries with it the essence of courtesy, politeness and consideration of others. All of the education and accomplishments in the world will not count for much unless they are accompanied by marks of gentility, of respect for others , of going the extra mile. (SFS p. 47)

### #6 Love

- How can we have a house of Love?  
Scripture: Jacob 3:7

### #7 Wholesome Activities

- What are some things we do have wholesome activities in our home?
  - Alma 39:12

Activity:

Put the pieces on the house and review what your family can do to have those things in your house.