## **Preparing Our Children for Marriage**

## Read Deuteronomy 7:6–13

- I. Introduction: "To a thousand generations"
- II. Preparing Your Children to be Good Spouses
  - A. Pray
  - B. Model
  - C. Teach
    - 1. Your sons
    - 2. Your daughters
  - D. Communicate
  - E. Read and listen
- III. Preparing Your Children to Leave Home
  - A. Grant increasing freedoms
  - B. Stay positively involved
  - C. Cultivate independency
    - 1. Organizational and time management skills
    - 2. Financial stewardship; budgeting
    - 3. Create vision for life
    - 4. Teach personal responsibility
  - D. Avoid co-dependency
  - E. Keep your table open
- IV. Conclusion: Enjoy Adapting to Changing Relationship