

October 12, 2007 Week 1 – Economics and the Household of God: Introduction

Oikonomia literally means “the law of the household.” How should we think about ourselves as the household of God?

October 26, 2007 Week 2 – The Household at Work: The Rise of the Corporation and the End of the Household Economy

How do we apply biblical instructions to masters and slaves in the employer/employee relationship of the modern world?

November 9, 2007 Week 3 – Household Gods: The Invention of “Home, Sweet Home”

The secularization of the public sphere led to the “sanctification” of the private sphere. How has the “cult of domesticity” affected the way we think about home and work?

November 30, 2007 Week 4 – The Household and Time: “Six Days Shall You Labor” and the Rise of the Modern Weekend

We tend to divorce hobbies and recreations from “labor.” Or we divide between work that we are paid for and volunteer work. How do we think about time?

December 14, 2007 Week 5 – The Household at Home: The Proverbs 31 Woman in Household Perspective

The economic activity of the Proverbs 31 woman stands in stark contrast with the “woman as consumer” model. How can we reintegrate economic productivity into the household?

Week 6 – The Household and the Family: The Demise of Apprenticeships and the Rise of the Modern Teenager

Until 1800 few teenagers lived at home. What can we do to help our children learn how to be adults?

Week 7 – Household Finance: Giving to the Church – Giving to the Poor

Until 1850 tithing was virtually unheard of in Protestant churches. How can we recapture biblical principles of giving that will help us to devote all that we are and all that we have to the service of Christ?

Week 8 – The Household of God and Political Economy

All these discussions have implications for the national debates. How can Christians live as wise stewards (oikonomoi) in the modern world?