

Life Lessons

*“Are You Enrolled in the Course
Call CHARACTER?”*

Martin Luther – the Father of the Reformation – called marriage **“The School of Character.”** Many would be shocked to learn that some of the greatest lessons on family-life could be learned at the table of Martin Luther. In fact, *The Table Talk of Martin Luther* by Baker Book House contains much of this wisdom.

At home we can challenge, encourage, and partner with one another. Consider this event in Luther’s life.

During a time of grave persecution in Luther’s life the pressures were almost unbearable. The burdens were taking their toll and Luther was slipping into a deep depression. Upon arriving home, Luther found his wife, Katie, dressed in a black mourning dress. In shock he asked, “Who died?” She responded, “God.” Astonished almost as if to laugh at her, Luther said, “You foolish thing! Why would you say something so foolish?” She responded strongly asserting that in fact God had died. Finally when she would not be dissuaded that God was dead she concluded, “God must be dead or Dr. Luther would not be so sorrowful.” Immediately, her holding up the mirror of truth before Luther caused him to snap out of his depression.

As you go home today, as you relate to you children or spouse, remember that part of the reason God has you together is to sharpen, strengthen, nurture, and even challenge one another.

Long before there was an Internet, even before academic courses were on TV or available as correspondence courses through the mail, **God intended your home to be a school of character development.**

*Don’t resent or resist
The lessons you learn at home, or
HE WILL MAKE YOU
REPEAT THEM!*