

Focus On The Family!

Col. 3.18-21

Intro:

The family is vital to the church, the community and to itself. Our focus upon the family is beneficial for many reasons. With or without children, the family is to carry out the will of God in righteousness, holiness and truth, to the glory of God, the edification of the church and the enhancement of society. The bible is filled with examples and teachings concerning the families spiritual and physical well-being.

Discussion:

I. How can I focus on my family?

- A. By ***Relying*** on God's Understanding.
 - 1. Trusting and Believing what God says (Pro. 3.5).
 - 2. Understanding the family comes with instructions (Eph. 5.17).
 - 3. Actually doing what God says in the role given to me as a...
- B. By ***Remaining*** in God's Roles for the home.
 - 1. Everyone must do their part in the home for balanced success (Col. 3.18-21).
 - 2. Teaching our children to obey authority begins early (Eph. 6.1-4).
 - 3. Wives and husbands submitting and honoring one another in the home (1 Pet. 3:1-7).
 - 4. Even as singles, faithfulness is required and should be promoted (1 Cor. 7.34).
- C. By ***Reaching*** the potential God has for us by...
 - 1. The ***Highest Love*** (Eph. 5.29).
 - 2. The ***Greatest Submission*** (Eph. 5.21).
 - 3. The ***Most Sincere Honor*** (Eph. 6.1-2).
- D. By ***Remembering*** to keep the church close by...
 - 1. With ***Genuine Fellowship*** (Heb. 10.24-25).
 - 2. When ***Difficult Times Come*** (Acts 14.19-20).
 - 3. Whatever ***The Circumstances*** (2 Cor. 4.8-10).

II. Some Family Tips to Help Along the Way!

- A. Father's MUST Lead with the word of God on a daily basis (Deut. 6.4-9).
 - 1. The word of God will give stabilization for the family.
 - 2. Praying and leading the family in the scriptures.
 - 3. Cannot pass this responsibility off to others.
 - 4. Learning and doing devotionals/reading scripture in the home daily.
- B. Mother's MUST exercise wisdom in the home on a daily basis (Titus 2.4-5).

1. Children need to hear and learn about life from their mothers.
 2. Requires spending quality time with the children.
 3. God has to be taught and seen in the life of mom to make a difference.
 4. The family must know mom cares about them and life (Pro. 31-10-31).
- C. Spiritual Direction MUST be INTENTIONAL in the family (Joshua 24.14-15).
1. Fathers must make the SPIRITUAL DECISIONS in the home early.
 2. Not compromising the TRUTH in small or big matters.
 3. Can not allow ANYTHING to hinder the families loyalty to God.
- D. Strive to Keep your Word to the family (Judges 11.29-35).
1. Watch the empty promises—let your yay be yay and nay be nay.
 2. Our families must see us keep our word to God every first day of the week (Eccl. 5.2). No rash promises or vows...
 3. Keeping our word is vital to our children being faithful to God, spouse and other important things in life.

Conclusion:

The family dynamic is being attacked from every side. We must do our part to encourage one another to be faithful, vigilant and focused on the righteous things in life. Let's help one another to avoid the dangers and pitfalls in life and thus secure our hearts in the word of righteousness. Let's focus on the family and seek to please the Lord in all we do.