

## What's Best For My Family!

### Psalm 127.1-5

#### Intro:

God knows what's best for the family. The Psalmist brings this out perfectly. He builds, He guards, He nourishes (vs. 2) with great blessings. Blessings like children and happiness and influence for good and His glory. These things are what's best for our families. The title is not in question form but rather an ecstatic statement of assurance and hope. Hopefully 9th & Main is best for your family and that is why you are attending and working here to glorify God.

Hopefully this congregation will position you and your family to be properly trained for heaven and found worthy of eternal life with God and the Lamb (Luke 20.35).

#### Discussion:

##### I. What 9th & Main Offers the Family!

- A. Sound Leadership (1 Pet. 5.1-2). *Amongst you.*
  - 1. Serious Preaching and Teaching (2 Tim. 4.1-2).
  - 2. Sincere care for your souls (Heb. 13.7; 17).
  - 3. Safe and open door policy to come talk (Matt. 16.21-23). *Peter & Jesus.*
- B. Spiritual Membership (Acts 2.40-47). *Authenticity & Love.*
  - 1. This is so uncommon today, notice the blessings in the text.
  - 2. The accountability we offer one another is unmatched.
    - a) We actually do not mind encouraging transparency.
    - b) We have genuine fellowship about life and truth (1 Thess. 2.8).
    - c) Seeking to perfect righteous character in each other (Eph. 4.11-12).
  - 3. Treating one another according to their behavior and holiness is key.
- C. Single Minded Fellowship with God (2 Cor. 11.1-4). *Accountability.*
  - 1. Satan wants to corrupt the *mental honesty* or *single mindedness* we have.
  - 2. Our fellowship promotes and demands *Accountability* and *Action*.
  - 3. Paul put in a lot of work for the enemy to deceive and they believe them.
- D. Special Opportunities to Work (Neh. 4.6; Phil. 2.12; Eph. 4.15-16). *Action.*
  - 1. Our Congregational Development Program is coming together.
  - 2. The excitement seen by those who want to engage in different activities.
  - 3. The need to be part of the spiritual growth and development of the church.

##### II. What Can the Family Offer 9th & Main?

- A. Your Genuineness and Service to God and Brethren (2 Cor. 8.5; Rom. 12.1-2).
  - 1. Keep rending your hearts and not your garments (Joel 2.13).
  - 2. Being transparent, holy and honest is paramount.
  - 3. Even when it's hard, we need to know where we all stand.
- B. Your Willingness to Fight WITH and FOR your Brethren (Neh. 4.14).

1. Don't run when we have issues. Take the loss if need be (1 Cor. 6.7).
  2. Work out your issues according to the word of God (Matt. 18.15-20).
  3. We need everyone to think the best until it's not possible (1 Cor. 13.5).
- C. Your Commitment in:
1. Perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God (2 Cor. 7.1-2).
  2. Practicing righteousness privately and publicly.
  3. Pleasing the Father in all you do (Col. 1.9-11).
  4. Putting God and His kingdom first (Matt. 6.33).

### **III. What We Can Offer Our Community Together!**

- A. A Message of Christ and Him Crucified (1 Cor. 2.2).
1. A unified mindset and message of salvation (1 Cor. 1.10).
  2. The truth about the one true church (Rom. 16.16).
  3. The story of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15.1-8).
  4. The message of hope with God throughout eternity (Rev. 22.1-5).
- B. A Spiritual Place of Refuge for spiritual growth and development (Heb. 6.18).
1. Where misinformation and disinformation is not the verbiage.
  2. Where God is worshiped in spirit (correct attitude) and truth (righteous standard) (John 4.24).
  3. Where holiness reigns and unrighteousness is exposed and put away.
- C. A Consistent Character of Christ (Eph. 4.20).
1. Where the words of Christ dwell in us richly (Col. 3.16).
  2. Where Christ is Head and has the final say in all matters of life (Col. 3.17).
  3. Where conforming to Christ's image may require apology for actions (Rom. 8.29; Acts 8.22-23).
- D. A Beautiful Life in Christ in the midst of Death (Jn. 10.10).

### **Conclusion:**

What is best for our family can be wrapped up in a simple fashion. Do the will of Christ and the rest will take care of itself. Let's take advantage of the leadership the Lord provides. Let's do what we can to bring the best to the congregation as a whole. Finally, let's do our part in ensuring the church represents Christ properly in bringing lost souls to Jesus for the salvation of their souls. This is what's best for our family.