

The Family That Stays Together

I. Introduction

- Gen. 1:28

II. The Spiritual Needs of the Family

1. The overarching purpose of every family, and each individual in every family, is to

_____ and to _____ Him

- a. **Is. 45:5** - "I am Yahweh, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God."
- b. **Phil 2:8-11** - "**8** Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore, God also highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, **10** so that at the name of JESUS EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and that EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father."

2. A family must _____ together

- a. **Ps. 95:5-7a** - "**5** The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land. **6** Come let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before Yahweh our Maker. **7** For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand..."

3. A family is to be comprised of a _____ and a _____ who come together to exhibit their love in the raising of children

- a. **Gen. 1:28** - "**28** God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that creeps on the earth."

4. The Children need to know the crucial importance of giving their _____ to the _____

- a. **Pro. 3:5-6** - "**5** Trust in Yahweh with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. **6** In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."

III. The Natural Needs of the Family

1. The Godly Father LOVINGLY LEADS and the Godly Mother _____ as a reflection of her love for God

2. The children need to see a father and mother genuinely worshipping *and* living a holy life at _____ and in the _____

- a. **John 4:24** - "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

3. The Parents _____ and _____ their children in the ways of God and into manhood and womanhood
 - a. **Pro. 1:8** - "Hear, my son, your father's discipline And do not abandon your mother's instruction;"
 - b. **2 Tim. 3:15** - "and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."
4. Parents are to provide _____ in the daily schedule and _____ of _____
 - a. Eventually, unpredictability will lead to inability to rest
 - b. Inconsistent expectations from your spouse or your children will 'provoke them to wrath' and bring big trouble and turmoil in the household.
 - c. **Eph 6:4** - "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."
 - d. **Pro. 12:24** - "The hand of the diligent will rule, But the slack *hand* will be put to forced labor."

IV. The Keys to Overcoming Obstacles in the Family

1. The Devil wants to _____ your heart and life
 - a. Encouraging sin, concealment of sin
 - b. Passivity in leadership at home - Taking power for yourself at home
 - c. Passivity in spiritual life/spiritual daily disciplines
 - d. Thinking your children/spouse are 'holding you back' from your dreams in life
 - e. Solution – Resist the Devil and He must flee
 - a) Resist in persistent prayer
 - b) Resist in unashamed worship and repentance
 - c) Resist in raising a Godly family
2. You are often your own _____
 - a. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, body, and strength
 - b. Spiritually mark off God's territory in your life
 - c. Set up guardrails for yourself in case you fall prey to temptation
 - d. Communicate well and often with your spouse
 - e. Communicate well and often with the Lord

V. Conclusion

1. The family that lives for God will have His unending blessing and provision.
2. The family that loves each other as God loves us will be surrounded by His love.
3. The family that puts God first in all things will be saved.

Answer Key:

VI. Introduction

VII. The Spiritual Needs of the Family

1. The overarching purpose of every family, and each individual in every family, is to KNOW GOD and to GLORIFY Him
2. A family must WORSHIP together
3. A family is to be comprised of a FATHER and a MOTHER who come together to exhibit their love in the raising of children
5. The Children need to know the crucial importance of giving their HEARTS to the LORD

VIII. The Natural Needs of the Family

1. The Godly Father LOVINGLY LEADS and the Godly Mother JOYFULLY SUBMITS as a reflection of her love for God
2. The children need to see a father and mother genuinely worshipping *and* living a holy life at CHURCH and in the HOME
3. The Parents GUIDE and INSTRUCT their children in the ways of God and into manhood and womanhood
4. Parents are to provide STRUCTURE in the daily schedule and CONSISTENCY of EXPECTATIONS

IX. The Keys to Overcoming Obstacles in the Family

1. The Devil wants to POLLUTE your heart and life
2. You are often your own WORST ENEMY

X. Conclusion