

Your Undivided Attention

Family focus determines family effectiveness

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 7:25–40; Luke 14:12–24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Synopsis: It is so easy to get distracted with the things of the world. "The present form of this world is passing away." The present distress of the world is coming to an end. And King Jesus is coming back to claim what is rightfully his. So how do we spend these last moments of our time in this present distress? It's time to give our full and undivided attention to the Lord and usher in the coming of Christ. May the gospel of Christ receive our full and undivided attention.

1 Corinthians 7:29–31 ESV

²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Set Your family schedule according to the God's time table.

Set the priority and remove the excuses that keep you from focusing on God and his kingdom.

| A Christ-centered home starts with putting Christ in the center of everything.

Luke 14:16–17 ESV

¹⁶ But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

Luke 14:18 ESV

¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’

Luke 14:19 ESV

¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’

Luke 14:20 ESV

²⁰ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’

“God is not interested in your excuses of why you can’t, but in your faith to say He can.”

Focus your family on the Immanent Return of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 ESV

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

Luke 14:12–14 ESV

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

1 Corinthians 7:31 ESV

³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

2 Peter 3:11–13 ESV

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

A kingdom minded family sets its calendar to the Kings time table.

When you understand God vision of the future it is easier to set priorities and goals for today.

Focus your family on things of above knowing that the present form of this world is going away.

› **Next Steps:**

If Jesus was coming back this week what in your life would change and how?

Read the Bible as a road map for your family knowing your on a journey with God. (Read 1 & 2 Thessalonians)

Reprioritize and position your life to maximize your time for the Lord.