

# FAMILY FOUNDATION

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## 1) Marriage and family is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 1:26–28, 31 (NLT)** (26) Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." (27) So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (28) Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."... ..(31) Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

**Genesis 2:18–24 (NLT)** (18) Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." (19) So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. (20) He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him. (21) So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. (22) Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. (23) "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'" (24) This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

**Matthew 19:4–6 (NLT)** (4) "Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.' (5) And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' (6) Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

## 2) It is important we choose to \_\_\_\_\_ for your marriage and family.

**GOD WANTS YOUR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY TO BE SUCCESSFUL, LASTING, AND GREAT!**

**2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT)** (16) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. (17) God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

**James 1:22–25 (NLT)** (22) But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. (23) For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. (24) You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. (25) But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and **if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.**

### 3) Keep the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 22:33 (NLT)** (33) When the crowds heard him, they were astounded at his teaching.

**Matthew 22:35–40 (NLT)** (35) One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: (36) “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” (37) Jesus replied, “ ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ (38) This is the first and greatest commandment. (39) A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ (40) The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

**Matthew 10:37 (NLT)** (37) “If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine.”

## IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP?

Becoming A Follower of Jesus Involves Three Things:

- Believing in Jesus
- Repenting and Confessing Sins
- Surrendering Your Life to Jesus

## OUR MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES ARE STRONGEST WHEN WE ARE CHOOSING TO LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART, ALL OUR SOUL, AND ALL OUR MIND!

**Joshua 24:14–15 (NLT)** (14) “So fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD alone. (15) But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But ***as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.***”

## GOD WANTS US TO MAKE THE SAME DECLARATION—“AS FOR ME AND MY FAMILY, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD!”

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