

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



**“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity.”
Psalms 133:1**

Family Ties

The word “brethren” used in this verse also applies to “kindred” which means family members. Exodus 20:21 commands us to honor our father and our mother. It is God’s will for us to work together and serve one another in our own homes. This creates a good and pleasant atmosphere for healthy growth and relationships.

The American writer, James Baldwin said, “Children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.” *How* we teach our children is *what* we teach them. Actions often speak much louder than words.

How sad that we often treat complete strangers with more kindness than we treat those within our own household. It is Satan’s business to cause division among family members and bring about spiritual defeat. If there is strife in the home, this also affects one’s worship and prayer time.

Ephesians 4:26 instructs us, **“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.”** We won’t always agree with each other on every issue, but we must be careful to do as the Bible says and resolve these conflicts instead of allowing them to linger. Someone has wisely stated, you can “disagree without being disagreeable.” There is a famous quote that can be found on a plaque in many homes,


“God is the head of this house,
The unseen guest at every meal,
The silent listener at every conversation”

Ephesians 4:27 warns us, **“Neither give place to the devil.”** Is it possible that we are *giving* Satan a place of residence in our homes? It’s time to clean house and tell Satan he has to move! Make sure that you welcome the Presence of the Lord in your home. Jesus, Himself, said, **“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another.”** (John 13:35)

Family Prayer: Lord, I want to thank You for each of my family members. Help me to be loving and kind. I want others to see You within us as we love each other. In Jesus’ Name. Amen!

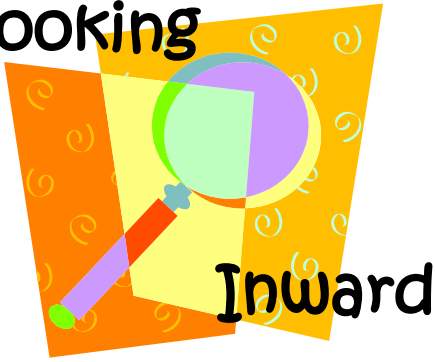


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Family
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Looking



Inward



Plan a special meal using the “good” dishes and silverware. Go all out: use candles, cloth napkins, decorations, and soft music. Do your best to work together in unity to create a “good and pleasant” atmosphere. Your family is special. Celebrate one another!

Let's talk

Do you find yourself treating people outside your home with more respect than you show your immediate family members? If so, why do you think this happens? What changes can you make to demonstrate the love of God to one another?

Create and decorate a plaque using “The Unseen Guest” quote. Display this in a prominent place in your home as a visual reminder that Jesus sees every action and hears every conversation.

Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

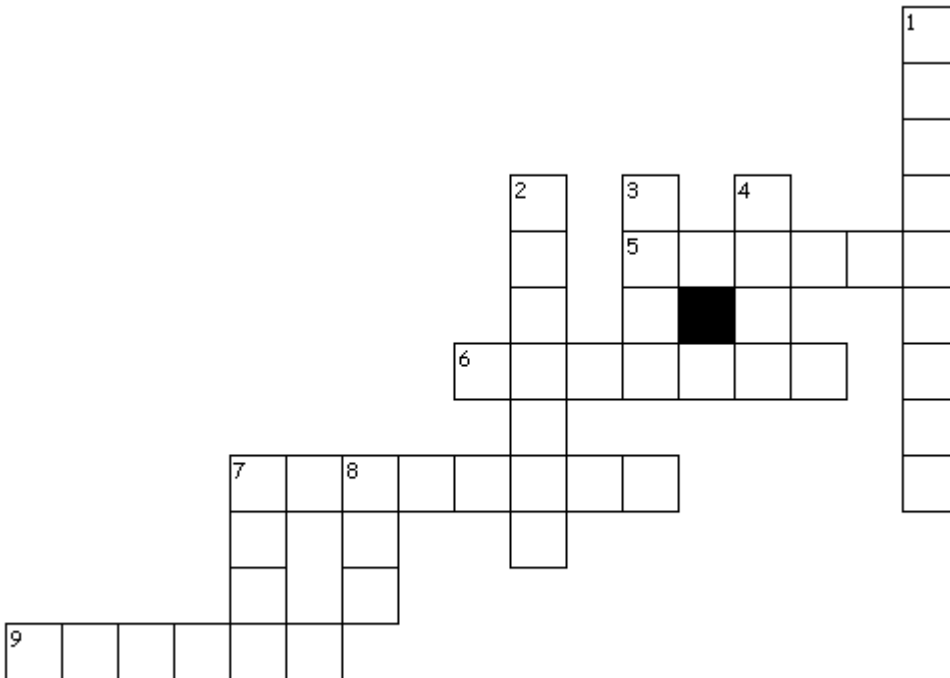
Read Romans 12:9-10

Re-write these verses in everyday language.

Since Paul was speaking to the Christian people in Rome, why do you think they needed to be reminded of something so basic?

What are some things you could do this week to “prefer” a family member “above” yourself?

Family Ties



Across

- 5. ___ 20:21 commands us to honor our parents
- 6. The word brethren applies to ___
- 7. The silent ___ at every conversation
- 9. The ___ guest at every meal

Down

- 1. ___ 4:26 warns us not to give place to the devil
- 2. ___ often speak much louder than words
- 3. God is the ___ of this house
- 4. Tell Satan he has to ___
- 7. "If you have ___ one to another"
- 8. "let not the ___ go down on your wrath"

“Love One Another”

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BLESSING!

