

Foundation of Faith and Family

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John 13:34 *love one another; as I have loved you*
Mark 10:9; Matthew 19:6 *what God has joined*
Ephesians 6:1 *Children, obey your parents*
Deuteronomy 6:7 *You shall teach them diligently*
1 Peter 3:7 *be considerate to your wife*
Hebrews 13:15 *offer praise to God continually*
Galatians 6:7 *Be not deceived; God is not mocked*
John 1:12 *receive Jesus, become a son of God*

The importance of a Christian home and family is a foundational teaching of the Bible—and that is why Satan is doing everything possible to *destroy* the family and home by rejecting the plan God gave His creation.

Humans have always tried to solve problems through governments, but it is a *spiritual* problem and not a *political* one.

Rather than forming political parties, people should be saying prayers, repenting, and being committed to follow the plan God has for a Christian home.

God has always loved His creation—and when you love someone, you want the best for them. God gave His Son to prove the depth of His love.

We must now decide to follow His plan of life for success to result. AV **John 13:34** *“That ye love one another; as I have loved you.”*

A Christian home is built on the foundation of *love*, of *faith*, and of *trust* on God.

Marriage and the home would be the building block for society—one husband one wife and children form a Christian home.

Jesus talked about the futility of building a house on *sand* and about the success of a structure built upon of *rock*—having a solid foundation of faith in Christ.

And the foundation for a successful Christian home is having parents that are living a godly life of faith in God themselves and showing that example to the children.

Raising a family is an *easy blueprint* to follow with the *hard task* of training children.

Even when children are tempted to swerve from the right path, when taught godly ways and responses, they will have a foundation of truth which can lead them to repentance.

Parenting is a very important and responsible job—they are the leaders of the children God has blessed them with.

There is never a *do-over* with parenting—you have *this day* to teach them what is right—*one opportunity* to *say* and *teach* and *show* them godly principles.

Once people get married, they need to *stay* married—that is God’s plan from the beginning.

Adam and Eve had everything *perfect* because God put them in a *perfect* environment. When they disobeyed His plan of life, everything went downhill.

The vows: *Til death do us part*; has come to be: *Til I can’t take this anymore*—but that has *never* been God’s plan.

Satan’s hatred for *God* is seen in his hatred for *marriage* and *family*, so he tries to destroy them both.

Satan has come up with alternative lifestyles and *redefining* marriage to no longer mean one man and one woman.

People today will not live by the *Word* of God, which is the *will* of God—but *neither* can be *changed* or *redefined*!

AV **Mark 10:6** *“From the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.*

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.”

That is a clear definition—one man, one woman in marriage for life—but the world continues to dislike and reject the plan of God. NKJV **Mark 10:9** *“What God has joined together, let not man separate.”*

The world needs to realize there will be consequences for going their own way and rejecting the definition of marriage.

God had Noah’s family, his wife, his sons, and their wives go into the Ark to escape the flood.

It was an example of how important the family is as a building block of society. God was being the Protector of those families.

People, however, cannot be *forced* to follow God’s plan, therefore He gives everyone a *choice* to follow, or not. He gives us the *truth* of His Word, and it is our responsibility to *obey* it.

Examples of marriage and family are all through the Bible—they are the foundation for a successful Christian life.

NKJV **Deuteronomy 6:5** *“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

6 And these words which I command you to-day shall be in your heart.”

Love for God is the foundation for a godly home and showing godly examples to the children.

And it is the responsibility of the *parents* to teach Christlike ways and attitudes to their children whenever possible. There is never a time when you don’t explain godly responses to children.

7 “*You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*”

We are to explain to the children why they must *listen* and *obey* when instructions are given. We are to talk to them in a kind way and at any time we are with them.

8 “*You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.* 9 *You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*”

In any way you can remind yourself of godly counsel, we should do that—using Post-It notes or anything similar.

The number-one *teacher* for children are *parents*—who are to teach them the importance of loving God, loving His Word, and loving everyone in the house.

AV **John 15:12** “*This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.*”

It is a responsibility of *immense* importance—and not only teaching them to love God’s Word but *living* it out as a role model before them as well.

Parents are responsible for raising their children in godly ways and attitudes, and they can do this by asking God to help them.

Just as the Ark survived the storm because God protected it, families will survive the storms of life if the family follows His Word and trusts Him in faith.

God will protect the family as the parents lay a correct foundation of godly living in their own lives.

It takes time to teach and train children in right ways, but it is time well spent!

AV **Ephesians 6:1** “*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.*

2 *Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise; Exodus 20:12)*

3 *That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*”

When a parent gives godly advice and instruction, the children are to obey and not rebel. Commandment #5 is important and adds the promise of a long life.

4 “*And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*”

A parent should *not* provoke a child to anger and frustration—but they are to *love* them and *teach* them the importance of loving God’s Truth.

Parents need to spend *time* with their children—*watch* them play sports or *attend* other events they are involved in—show *interest* in what they are doing.

It is all a choice to give children what costs us nothing—*our time!*

When parents live God’s Truth in *their* life, the children reflect that Truth in their *own* life—especially when they come to the years of accountability.

Marvelous advice is AV **Hebrews 13:15** “*Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*”

If we would praise God continually, those words would get *infused* in the hearts of the children.

God’s plan is for a couple to *stay* together and to *work* together in raising a family in the right way, to love God, and to treat others in a kind and considerate manner.

A husband’s prayers can be hindered by not following God’s plan—NIV **1 Peter 3:7** “*Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*”

A *designer* has the privilege to *define* their creation. God designed marriage, so only *He* gets to define it—very basic and straightforward.

People think they know more than God about marriage, but they are sadly mistaken. There is only one definition of marriage—one *man* and one *woman* for *life*.

The world mocks at God’s Word today, but AV **Galatians 6:7** “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*”

The world wants to *redefine* what God has already *defined*. The world will provoke Him for only so long, until He says enough is enough—and *that* time is rapidly approaching.

No one can lower the *standard* that God has set in His Word. The Bible is our *resource* and *standard* for how He wants us to live—by faith and trust and in obedience to Him.

Satan wants us to *drift* from the Word, but God wants us to *stick* to His Word.

God wants all *families* to be saved—but the family needs to live by His plan.

AV **John 1:12** “*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*”

God wants *whosoever will* be part of His family of believers—but they have to *choose* whether to believe or not.

May God’s advice continue to echo in our minds: AV **Deuteronomy 6:6** “*And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children.*”

God’s plan always works out for the best!



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