

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30
Morning Assembly 10:30
Evening Assembly 5:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Class 6:30

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The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
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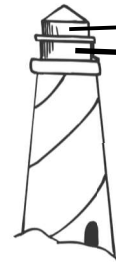
The wages of sin are
non-negotiable.

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FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.

Sick: Gary Fletcher, James Swim, Rai Starr, Diane Willis, & Etta Frazelle.

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SUMMER DATES – Our **VBS** is July 18-22 (next week) with Chris Reeves
and our **Youth Lectures** are set for July 30-31 with Paul Sheehan.

SENTENCE SERMON – One way to bring up children in the way they
should go is for you to be traveling the same route.

Suggestions for a Good Family

Few things rival the joy of having a good family. Having a good wife. Having a loving husband. Rearing faithful children. I was just thinking awhile back about what might be some things necessary for having a good family. Here are a few ideas.

1) Involve God in your marriage. God ordained the husband and wife relationship. It was intended to be a joyous one – one with mutual love and devotion. Far too many marriages don't involve God. Husbands and wives are too busy with mundane things today. They don't have any time to be together, much less be together with God. Husbands

and wives don't pray together, they don't laugh together, they don't have private talks about good stuff. If you haven't involved God in your marriage, you're missing one of the supreme joys of life (Ge 1:26-28).

2) Involve God in rearing your children. Children need to be taught early on that God is supreme in the home – that He will be considered first in all matters. When that is the case, there will be instructions about honesty, kindness, helping others, and a host of other things having to do with holiness and piety. Children get close to God when they see that their parents are close to God. →

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When they see no godliness, they are not likely to have much themselves (Ep 6:4).

3) Keep good communication. Most of the problems in marriages are in some way connected to poor communication. Husbands don't keep wives informed or wives don't let the husbands know what they are doing and why, and that causes problems. Misunderstandings are nearly always caused by a failure to communicate. Marriages need closeness – communication brings it about. Stay in touch with your spouse and keep an open line with your children (Pr 1:7-9).

4) Do things together. It bothers me that I see homes so fragmented in today's society. The wife works, and keeps the house; the husband works, but plays golf when he is off. There's no time for family togetherness. The children are often so involved in some kind of outside activity that they have little time for family affairs. Nobody has time to sit and just enjoy pleasant family conversation. Being together makes happy homes. After all,

you can't really get to know one another when you spend no time together (Ec 9:9).

5) Eat together. I made this a section by itself because it deserves special consideration. Families need to plan a time for at least one meal together each day. Meals shared promote good humor, good conversation, an opportunity to speak of moral and spiritual needs. Eating together is one of the purest forms of fellowship, and one of the best promoters of family happiness (Ec 3:12-13).

6) Encourage one another. There is great benefit in encouraging one another, no matter the project or endeavor. For instance, a youngster who is naturally rather timid, can be brought out of that timidity – at least somewhat – by a little encouragement. A child who is a bit too extroverted can be helped to control that tendency by some well-placed encouragement. And teaching children to encourage one another and to encourage their parents, cements a marriage and makes it strong (Ga 6:1-4). →

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7) Make family worship part of your schedule. We schedule everything else. Why can't we just put down a time and say, "This is for family worship"? Children get a good start with such activities, teenagers keep spiritual focus with such, and the parents get closer to God when there is a time set aside for spiritual matters. Hold hands when you pray. Hold hands when you sing together (Mt 5:1-12).

8) Learn the joy of saying, "I love you." It makes marriages happier. It makes kids feel important. It makes for a better home on every front. It brings the family together. It makes hard times easier to bear. It's just God's way of having a good home. A home with lots of love in it is a happy home (1 Co 13).

9) Find good family friends. As a general rule, people tend to find those who share their convictions and aspirations. Good family friends adorn homes. They bring special admirations, feelings of mutual trust, and extra-family

kindness to the home and family. Being together with family friends broadens love and makes the family feel blessed (1 Co 12:12-20).

10) Take out the trash. Every family has stuff that doesn't belong. These things have to be handled. And if they are not handled properly, the trash builds up and eventually causes a big stink. Even little pieces of rubbish have to be taken out early or there is a problem later when it becomes part of a whole lot of junk that builds up. Fathers should take control to see that evil talk, gossip of various sorts, and other wish-wash don't get a foothold or become common in the family. Mothers should discourage any kind of dirty language, no matter if it's acceptable in other places. Trash does not fit a good family (Ja 3:6-12).

I hope this helps a little.

- Dee Bowman



I commend Dee's article to you. Even those who are unmarried, or have no children, should uphold the value of good and godly families.

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