

WHAT MATTERS MOST



Family Matters My Family: The Church

What are the dynamic essentials of family living? What matters most in Family living?

I. A BALANCED _____ NECESSARY FOR MATURING.

- A. The is true in our physical families
- B. The is true in the family of God.
 - 1. We are _____ into it. Jn. 3:3-5
 - 2. We are _____ in Christ. Heb. 5:13
 - 3. But we are supposed to _____. Heb. 5:14

II. STRONG _____ ARE DEVELOPED.

- A. In healthy, bonded families this is very evident
- B. In a Healthy church family, Relationships are Formed, Developed and Nurtured.
 - 1. "We are called to _____, not just to _____." Rick Warren
 - 2. There is our relationship to _____. 1 Jn. 1:3
 - 3. Our relationship to the _____ 1 Thess. 5:12-13
 - 4. Our relationship to _____ 1 Thess. 5:14-18;

a strong bond and will lose the opportunity to experience true Biblical fellowship.

III. THE FAMILY IS A PLACE WHERE MUTUAL _____ and _____ Abound

- A. It is obvious that in strong families the members demonstrate such feelings
- B. In the Family of God we _____ for each other.

Rom. 12:10 "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;"

IV. THE FAMILY TEACHES _____ AND _____ FAMILY VALUES.

- A. We understand the importance of this in the context of our homes.
- B. In the church family is it important
 - 1. Our values are based on the _____ 2 Tim. 3:16

2. Our values are to be _____ 1 Tim. 4:11 "these things command and teach
3. Our values _____ by the Pastors & preachers.
 - a. Pastors—"whose faith _____" Heb. 13:17
 - b. Preachers- "_____ to...." 1 Tim. 4:12
4. Our values are to be _____ by all the family 1 Cor. 4:17 "as I teach everywhere in every church"

V. FOR A FAMILY TO GROW _____ MUST ABOUND

- A. Are strong, healthy families selfish, self centered or stingy?
- B. One Characteristic of the Family of God is the generous spirit that permeates it.
 1. In the Bible we see this at Antioch—Acts. 11:27-30
 2. We _____ to _____.

VI. THE FAMILY ENCOURAGES _____ THROUGH _____.

I want to be careful in explaining this point. I do not mean unity in a diversity of doctrinal beliefs.

- A. In our Physical Families we see many Changes
- B. This is true in the spiritual family

VII. A FAMILY REQUIRES LOVING _____

- A. In the Physical family.
 1. We are commanded to discipline children, Eph. 6:4
 2. Hebrew writer says the fathers of our flesh corrected us....

B. In the Family of God we need this

1. 2 Tim 3:16-17 In training we provide the context in which corrective discipline can achieve the desired result.

2. Gal. 6:1-2 You brother needs your help

VIII. THE FAMILY PROVIDES _____ AND _____.

- A. In our Physical Families.

"Home is the place, where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in." Robert Frost

B. In our Spiritual Family, this is desperately needed

1. Jas. 1:27 _____
2. 1 Cor. 12:26 _____

—Ken Weliever

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