

THEME: RESTORING OUR FOCUS



Focused on Fellowship My Family: The Church

Wednesday, 9/18/13, Trenton church of Christ

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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