

WIN AT HOME & SUCCEED IN LIFE Week 1: It takes God to make a home. Joshua 24:14-15 & Matthew 7:24-27

Joshua 24:14-15 CSB

¹⁴"Therefore, fear the Lord and worship him in sincerity and truth. Get rid of the gods your fathers worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and worship the Lord .

¹⁵But if it doesn't please you to worship the Lord , choose for yourselves today: Which will you worship – the gods your fathers worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living? As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord ."

Matthew 7:24-27 CSB

²⁴ "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash."

Family is God's creation.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Point 1: Sincere faith- Joshua 24:14

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"Therefore, fear the Lord and worship him in sincerity and truth. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and worship the Lord.

Acts 2:46

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts,

1 Timothy 1:5

Now the goal of our instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith.

Matthew 23:27-28

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of the bones of the dead and every kind of impurity. ²⁸ In the same way, on the outside you seem righteous to people, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

<u>A sincere faith:</u>

- Doesn't make excuses for sin but seeks victory in Christ.
- Focuses on developing a deep love and commitment to God.
- Chooses everyday faith over Sunday faith.

Point 2: Spiritual leadership in the home- Joshua 24:15

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1 Timothy 3:12

Deacons are to be husbands of one wife, managing their children and their own households competently.

The goal of spiritual leadership is that people come to know God and to glorify Him in all that they do.

Genesis 2:1-3

So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed. ² On the seventh day God had completed his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, for on it he rested from all his work of creation.

A home is not complete unless God is first.

Acts 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the jail were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the doors of the prison standing open, he drew his sword and was going to kill himself, since he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul called out in a loud voice, "Don't harm yourself, because we're all here!" ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.³⁰ He escorted them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your household." ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him along with everyone in his house.³³ He took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds. Right away he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ He brought them into his house, set a meal before them, and rejoiced because he had come to believe in God with his entire household.

- 1. Use Spiritual Disciplines to Cultivate Everyday Authentic Faith.
- 2. Remove Distractions and Cultural Influences that could hinder a Growing Faith.