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FAITH AT HOME



1. The Principle: Faith begins at home.

- Definition of principle:
A principle is a fundamental truth that guides
our beliefs and behaviours.

- Deuteronomy 6:4-7

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“Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”



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1. The Principle: Faith begins at home.

- Parents are responsible to know your faith (what the Word of God says) and teach this to your children.

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- The majority of our children's faith development is taking place at home.



This lines up with GKM's Vision:

“We are a family that worships together, grows together and shares faith together”



Barna research Group:

“Parents are the single greatest
influence on their children’s
faith”

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2. The Practice: Faith is nurtured at home.

Definition of practice:

The practice is the actual application and use of the principle.

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To practice is to perform something repeatedly or regularly in order to improve or maintain.



2. The Practice: Faith is nurtured at home.

So, to practice faith at home means, in our families, we are performing the principle repeatedly until it becomes the habit of our family.

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When faith is nurtured at home, it becomes the way of life for the children.

2. The Practice: Faith is nurtured at home.

Train up a child in **the way** he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

Train up a child in the way he should go [**teaching him to seek God's wisdom and will for his abilities and talents**],
Even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (AMP)

Dedicate your children to God and point them in the way that they should go, and **the values they've learned from you** will be with them for life.

Proverbs 22:6 (TPT)

Barna research Group:

“The survey data indicate that parents generally rely upon their church to do all of the religious training their children will receive. Parents are not so much unwilling to provide more substantive training to their children as they are ill-equipped to do such work. According to the research, parents typically have no plan for the spiritual development of their children; do not consider it a priority, have little or no training in how to nurture a child’s faith, have no related standards or goals that they are seeking to satisfy, and experience no accountability for their efforts.”



Application:

T - Talk about God with your children.

R - Read the Bible and look for the principles and promises of God.

A - Always pray for and with your child.

I - Intentionally practice the principles and promises of God.

N - Nurture their faith with affirming words and actions.

Resources

- Sunday Worship Service
- Children Church
- Summer Camps
- Kids Praise – Worship, Drama, Dance
- Junior/Senior High programs
- Family Prayer
- Parenting workshops
- Small groups (for families)
- Counselling

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3. Intro

- Romans 13:7 (NIV)
- There is a difference between a requirement and a request.
- Choosing to ignore a requirement will become more costly than fulfilling the requirement in the first place.
- **Obedience is about your ACTIONS but honor is about your ATTITUDE.**
- God looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7)

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But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1 SAMUEL 16:7 (NIV)

4. What is honor?

- 1 Samuel 2:30 (NKJV)

- To Despise = to undervalue or view as worthless

- To Esteem = to consider as of a certain value

- To “Honor” is to Highly Value.

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5. The Requirement of Honor

- Honor is a requirement not a request.

“Give to everyone what you owe them...if honor, then honor.”

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– Romans 13:7 (NKJV)

- Giving honor is not based on how we feel or how honorable a person acts.

- We honor the office that is being occupied.

- Ephesians 6:2-3 (NKJV)

“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

EPHESIANS 6:2-3 (NIV)

5. The Requirement of Honor

- “Father and Mother” is an office that is occupied by authority figures who have been assigned to your life.
- Your wellbeing and longevity are linked to how you handle your “Father and Mother” in your heart.
- Don’t take the right thing and put it in the wrong time.
- You need to understand that your ability to receive from someone hinges/hangs on how you honor them in your heart.

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5. The Requirement of Honor

- What you hear will do you no good unless it is mixed with faith (Romans 1:16 & Hebrews 4:2)
- When you honor what God has established, you are honoring God and when you honor Him, He will honor you.

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