

KNOWING JESUS

IN A FAMILY MATTER.

“Fathers, ^[b] do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

GOD'S DESIGN FOR FAMILY.

- “THE RIGHT INFORMATION WILL GUIDE US INTO THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT THE WRONG INFORMATION WILL DIRECT US INTO A WRONG DESTANATION”

GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE FAMILY.

- 1. TO SHOW TO US GOD'S GOODNESS.
- 2. TO PASS ON GOD'S LEGACY.
- 3. TO FULFILL GOD'S ASSIGNMENT.

THE MODEL OF A DISCIPLE

- 1. LIFE AND DEATH
- 2. KNOWING CHRIST.
- The life of Jesus as an example
- 3. KNOWING VS OBEYING JESUS.
- *Crucified with Christ
- *Picking up the Cross.
- *Teaching others to obey.

THE MODEL OF A DISCIPLE

- 4. Imitating Christ.
 - *Imitating Christ , not Paul.
 - *When did Paul know Christ
 - *Receiving the Spirit-receiving the minds of Christ.
- 5. Works of the law vs works of obedience.

MODELING

- 1. BE A MODEL BY EXAMPLE. (1 CORINTHIANS 11:1)
- 2. BE A MODEL THROUGH THE BIBLE. (2TIMOTHY 2:15-17)
- 3. BE A MODEL BY THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BIBLE. (DEUTERONOMY 6:1-7)

OPEN COMMUNICATION

- 1. WE MUST LEARN TO LISTEN TO GOD FIRST.
- 2. WE MUST BE HUMBLE TO GOOD LISTENERS.
- 3. AFTER LISTENING, WE MUST CAREFULLY CONSIDER HOW AND WHEN WE SPEAK.

PRIORITIZING TIME FOR FAMILY

- 1. MAKE GOD THE CENTER OF FAMILY LIFE. (JOSHUA24:15)
- “But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

PRIORITIZING TIME FOR FAMILY

- 1. MAKE GOD THE CENTER OF FAMILY LIFE. (JOSHUA24:15)
- A. Joshua is acknowledging that some of the Israelites might still be tempted to follow foreign gods and may not fully appreciate the covenant with God.
- B. Joshua is urging people to make a deliberate and definitive choice.
- C. It is a call to commitment, not casual belief or religion.
- D. Make God the center of your family. Prioritize worship, prayer, bible study.

PRIORITIZING TIME FOR FAMILY

- 2. SPENT QUALITY AND QUANTITY TIME TOGETHER.
(ECCLESIASTES 3:1)
- “There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the
heavens:”

PRIORITIZING TIME FOR FAMILY

- 2. SPENT QUALITY AND QUANTITY TIME TOGETHER.
(ECCLESIASTES 3:1)
- All events and experiences in life-both good and bad have an appointed or appropriate time.
- It encourages acceptance that joy, sorrow, growth, loss, love, and death have their appointed times.
- It also invites reflection on living with wisdom and patience, recognizing that we are not in control of all things.

PRIORITIZING TIME FOR FAMILY

- 1. MAKE GOD THE CENTER OF FAMILY LIFE. (JOSHUA 24:15)
- 2. SPENT QUALITY AND QUANTITY TIME TOGETHER. (ECCLESIASTES 3:1)
- 3. LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER. (ROMANS 12:10-12)
- “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

PRIORITIZING TIME FOR FAMILY

- “LOVE ONE ANOTHER” This is about cultivating genuine, family-like love among fellow believers. The Greek word used here for love is “philostorgos”, which refers to familial love- like the kind between siblings or parents and children.
- Love honor others above yourselves.
- Christian love is not just emotional but active-it shows itself in how we treat others with dignity and care.

PRIORITIZING TIME FOR FAMILY

- HOW TO PRACTICE A SINCERE LOVE IN THE FAMILY?
- 1. Honor others above yourselves.
- 2. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
- 3. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
- 4. Share with the Lord's people who are in need.
- 5. Practice hospitality."

PRIORITIZING TIME FOR FAMILY

- 4. ENJOY LEARNING THE WORD OF GOD TOGETHER.
- Deuteronomy 6:6-9, “These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. IS GOD THE CENTER OF YOUR FAMILY?
- 2. WHAT IS YOUR OBJECTIVE IN SPENDING QUANTITY AND QUALITY TIME TOGETHER WITH YOUR FAMILY?
- 3. HOW DID YOU PRACTICE AT HOME LOVING AND SERVING ONE ANOTHER?
- 4. DID YOU ENJOY LEARNING THE WORD OF GOD TOGETHER?