

This is Us

What do you think of when you think of the concept of “family?” Who is family to you?

Ever since the beginning of creation, God had an order for family.

No matter your back-history or where you came from, God has a big plan for your family.

American Family Associations research shows

- Only 34 percent of America’s families eat one meal together each day.
- The average father spends only eight to 10 min. a day with his children. This includes television and meal times.
- Only 12% of America’s families pray together.
- The average couple spends only four minutes of uninterrupted time together a day.

The statistics also point out that although most adults regard family as their most satisfying aspect of life, they also regard it as their most frustrating.

A PARENT’S PRIORITY IS TO GRADUALLY TRANSFER A CHILD’S DEPENDENCE AWAY FROM THEM UNTIL IT RESTS SOLELY ON GOD.

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live...

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 NIV

How do we transfer dependence from us on to God?

1. LOVE YOUR GOD

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NIV

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Kids Who Become Active Christ-followers as Adults

If mom and dad went to church:	<u>72%</u> of kids will as adults.
If mom only went to church:	<u>15%</u> of kids will as adults.
If dad only went to church:	<u>55%</u> of kids will as adults.
If neither mom nor dad:	<u>06%</u> of kids will as adults.

2. LEAD YOUR FAMILY.

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. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 NIV

“The thing that impresses me most about America is the way the parents obey their children.” Edward, Duke of Windsor

“How do you lead?”

- **Lead intentionally.**

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 TLV