

# Worship Guide

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## COST OF LIVING - WEEK 1

*"It takes wisdom to have a good family. It takes understanding to make it strong."* — **Proverbs 24:3 (ICB)**

Having a good family is not connected to perfection; it's connected to wisdom.

Many times, things that happen in our families are not a matter of morality (right or wrong). We need to make wiser choices.

### **Genuine Faith**

Healthy families start with a genuine relationship with God.

**Genuine** - authentic, real

**Mistakes** - I ask for forgiveness.

**Decisions** - I ask God.

**Choices** - What makes me more like Christ?

**Problems** - Seek him first.

*Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in me.*  
— **John 15:4 (NIV)**

**Daily connections are the key to abiding.**

This scripture is making sure we understand that what bears fruit in our lives is not us. Fruit is a result of abiding, staying connected to the vine.

## **Abiding**

- Thank God every day.
- Pray every day.
- Read scripture every day.

*Reverence for God gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security. — Proverbs 14:26 (LB)*

**Reverence** - Awe of God. Recognizing that God is responsible for everything I have in my life.

## **Establish Family Values**

### **Values:**

A statement or declaration of how we are going to live and who we are going to be.

If we don't have nfkcm, we default to emotions.

*We are merely moving shadows, and all our busy rushing ends in nothing. — Psalm 39:6 (NLT)*

Dysfunction is really rooted in busyness. We are so busy, we make unwise decisions or choices.

## **Discovering Purpose**

You're not good at everything, but you are great at something. Being fulfilled in life is connected to doing the things in life that we were created to do.

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*However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. — Acts 20:24 (NIV)*

*Through laziness, the rafters sag; because of idle hands, the house leaks. — Ecclesiastes 10:18*

### **Right Relationships**

Prioritize this point. Put a star next to it!

One of the most important things we will do is vet the people who are close to us.

### **How do I know WHAT I’m supposed to do?**

WHERE am I supposed to go?

- The most important question to ask is WHO?
- Who do you do life with?
- Who will you allow to influence you?

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*A mirror reflects a man’s face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses. — Proverbs 27:19*

*If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. — Mark 3:25 (NIV)*

### **Apply Grace**

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