

THE VALUE OF FAMILIES

Ephesians AMP 2: ¹⁹Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's [own] household.

1. Your Biological Family

Colossians NKJV 3: ¹⁸Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. ²⁰Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

2 Corinthians 5: ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

- God has made you an agent of change or restoration, to bring life to what is dead

2. Your family of Friends

Proverbs AMP 18:24

The man of *too many* friends [chosen indiscriminately] will be broken in pieces *and* come to ruin,

But there is a [true, loving] friend who [is reliable and] sticks closer than a brother

- Not everybody should be selected as a friend,
- The right friend(s) can help to anchor your life,

3. The Family of God

Matthew NIV 5: ¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives

light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.