

Great News for Families Pt. 2 “Life Notes”

Gen 1:27-28 “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.”

“Leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less.”
John Maxwell

How can I have the most positive influence on my family?

Matthew 20:25-26 “But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ²⁶But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant.”

Preparing for Influence:

- ✓ **Be filled with the Spirit.**

Ephesians 5:18-20 “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- ✓ **Begin with humility.**

Ephesians 5:21 “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

Philippians 2:3-5 “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”

How to Influence:

1. **Husbands love and honor your wife.**

Ephesians 5:25 “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”

1 Peter 3:7 “In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God’s gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.”

2. **Wives honor and love your husband.**

Ephesians 5:22 “Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.”

1 Peter 3:1-2 Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

3. **Parents train, guide, and encourage your children.**

Ephesians 6:4 “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

Your Influence Goes Further than You Think:

Ephesians 3:10 “God’s purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.”