

We Are Family: Tracing the Family throughout Scripture

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- **Before the beginning**

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they will see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the world's foundation — John 17:24

- **God's Vision for the Family**

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth” — Genesis 1:28

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The home is to be a seedbed of discipleship where children are formed and brought up “in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

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Start a youth out on his way; even when he grows old he will not depart from it — Proverbs 22:6

He established a testimony in Jacob and set up a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children so that a future generation— children yet to be born—might know. They were to rise and tell their children so that they might put their confidence in God and not forget God's works, but keep his commands. — Psalm 78:5–7

This will be written for a later generation, and a people who have not yet been created will praise the LORD. — Psalm 102:18

**1/168 hours is not enough for
discipleship. This is why God
created the home as the primary
place of discipleship.**

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¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. ² Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise, ³ so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land. ⁴ Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4

¹⁵“Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—
¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil.¹⁷ So don’t be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.¹⁸ And don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit:

Ephesians 5:15–18

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms,
hymns, and spiritual songs, singing
and making music with your heart to
the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for
everything to God the Father in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Ephesians 5:19-20

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¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children, ¹⁷ and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:15–17

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- God's mission is renewed
in our families

^{18b}“All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18b-20

¹⁰“That whole generation was also gathered to their ancestors. After them another generation rose up who did not know the Lord or the works he had done for Israel. ¹¹ The Israelites did what was evil in the Lord’s sight. They worshiped the Baals ¹² and abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed other gods from the surrounding peoples and bowed down to them. They angered the LORD...

Judges 2:10-12