

REVIEW

- Week One on Vision— our family must be clear on how we will glorify God according to who we are.
- Week Two on Focus— our vision will show up on our schedule as a family.
- POINTS OF CLARIFICATION:
 1. Our family vision keeps our Lord Jesus in the number one spot. Under him many good things (sports, activities, etc) will find their place.
 2. “Family” is a sensitive discussion and needs prayer. Take care as you tread this ground.

INSPIRING EXAMPLE



Mark and Jamie Thrash Family Motto (Vision Statement) says, “With God. Invest in people. Laugh, play, dance and celebrate.”

RESOURCES

- BECOMING A SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY FAMILY - by Michelle Anthony This book will help you avoid common dysfunctions in family life and write a family vision.
- GARDEN CITY - by John Mark Comer— Part 2 of this book is all about finding rest as a family.
- MARGIN - the sermon series (It's Free!), by Craig Groeschel: <https://www.life.church/watch/margin/>
- FAMILY VALUE CARDS SET - Proverbs 31 Ministries; <https://www.p31bookstore.com/collections/new-year-collection/products/we-are-family-value-cards>

WORDS FOR FAMILY

Family Anthem: Week Three

WORDS ARE POWERFUL

- When God speaks powerful results occur!
 1. in Genesis it repeats, “Let there be... and it was.” Psalm 33:9, “For when He spoke, the world began! It appeared at His command.”
 2. Jesus Christ is called the Word- in Greek ‘logos’- who was made flesh and lived among us.
 3. The Holy Spirit wrote the Bible, every word inspired of him!
- “So Will I”- God of your promise you don’t speak in vain no syllable empty or void... for once you have spoken all nature and science follow the sound of your voice!

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- Consider the lyrics to the praise song “So Will I”- “God of your promise you don’t speak in vain no syllable empty or void... for once you have spoken all nature and science follow the sound of your voice!”

WORDS ARE POWERFUL

- Since we are made in God's image, we must be very careful how we use our words for they have a powerful effect on others.

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- Author and speaker John Eldredge reminds us, “Every boy wants to be a hero. He wants to be powerful, dangerous. He wants to know . . . DO I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES? Every girl wants to believe that she is captivating, worth fighting for. She wants to know . . . AM I LOVELY?”
 - If parents will build up a child according to “who they are” more than “what they do” they will attempt great things.
 - Parents be very careful to praise your kids for their effort, their work and their character, not only their results...

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- James 3:2-12, let's read it together and make 3 points.
 1. Our words are expressed from our hearts; good or evil. Jesus said, "What you say flows from what is in your heart." Luke 6:45
 2. A tiny tongue forms our words, but the effect is huge! Words are like a large horse, huge ship or forest fire. Praising the Lord or cursing his image... ouch.
 3. Working on our words is actually working on our hearts and will have a powerful impact on our family. "No one can tame the tongue," but God alone!

WORKING ON WORDS

Let no foul *or* polluting language, *nor* evil word *nor* unwholesome *or* worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good *and* beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need *and* the occasion, that it may be a blessing *and* give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it.

Ephesians 4:29

(AMPLIFIED CLASSIC EDITION)

WORKING ON WORDS

1. Most family's are not very good at this yet! You are not alone if this is terribly convicting.
2. Every thought that enters our mind is not our own and doesn't need to be spoken. Repentance can be done privately.
3. Filtering our thoughts and words is critically important! Choosing what we let come out of our mouth is the key!
 - Proverbs 17:28 sums it up like this: "**EVEN FOOLS ARE THOUGHT WISE WHEN THEY KEEP SILENT; WITH THEIR MOUTHS SHUT, THEY SEEM INTELLIGENT.**"

WORKING ON WORDS

4. How can we speak truth in love and words of grace in balance? We want words of grace produced by the Holy Spirit to come out of our mouths! The Amp. Classic said, “that it may be a blessing **and** give grace (God’s favor) to those who hear it.” And the NLT says, “so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”
- Let’s take a look at our Home. Work. sheet...