

KEYS TO A HAPPY FAMILY

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Family Statistics:

- **African Americans have become the most unmarried people in our nation. We are the least likely to marry and the most likely to divorce.** (The book: "Is Marriage for White People")
- **72% of Black babies born are born out of wedlock. Compared to 53% of Hispanics, and 30% of Whites.** (Center for Disease Control)
- **More than half (54%) of black children live with one parent, compared with 29% of Hispanics and 19% of Whites.** (Pew Research Center)
- **74% of Black moms are breadwinners, compared to 44% of Hispanic moms and 38% of White mothers.** (Pew Research Center)
- **White families have a median net worth of \$171,000, compared to \$17,600 for Blacks and \$20,700 for Hispanics.** (Pew Research Center)

How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Indeed, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel! Psalm 128:1-6 (NASB)

KEY #1: A happy family has people who are...

1. **PERSONALLY COMMITTED** to the Lord.

What does it mean to be Personally Committed to the Lord? It begins with the with the "*Fear of the Lord.*"

How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways.
Psalm 128:1 (NASB)

*When you shall eat of the **fruit of your hands**, you will be **happy** and it will be **well with you**. **Psalm 128:2 (NASB)***

KEY #2: A happy family has people who are...

2. PROPERLY ALIGNED in their home.

*Your wife shall be like a **fruitful vine** within your house, your **children** like **olive plants** around your table. Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. **Psalm 128:3-4 (NASB)***

*Then the Lord God **called to the man**, and said to him, "Where are you?"*
Genesis 3:9 (NASB)

*Your wife shall be like a **fruitful vine** within your house, your **children** like **olive plants** around your table. **Psalm 128:3 (NASB)***

KEY #3: A happy family has people who are...

3. PLANTED FAITHFULLY in a church.

*The Lord bless you from **Zion**. **Psalm 128:5a (NASB)***

KEY #4: A happy family has people who are...

4. POWERFUL AND ACTIVE in their community.

*And may you see the prosperity of **Jerusalem** all the days of your life. Indeed, may you see your **children's children**. Peace be upon Israel!*
Psalm 128:5b-6 (NASB)