

FAMILY MATTERS IN 2020

How to Have an Awesome Family, Part 2

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Nehemiah 4:14 - After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

Four traits of awesome families:

1. Awesome families **ENJOY** life together.

Ecclesiastes 8:15 - Solomon: "I commend the **enjoyment** of life..."

Ecclesiastes 11:8 - However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all.

People don't remember what you said, but they will remember how you made them feel.

Ecclesiastes 9:9 - "**Enjoy life** with your wife, whom you love..."

Psalms 127:3 - Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him.

Ecclesiastes 8:15 - "I recommend having fun... That way you will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives you." (NLT)

2. Awesome families **PROTECT** each other.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: ¹⁰If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Types of storms we protect:

A. **CHANGE**

B. **HARMFUL** Ideas

C. **REJECTION**

3. Awesome families encourage _____.

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What Do We Learn From Our Families?

A. What to do with _____.

B. How to handle _____.

C. How to handle _____.

D. What _____ matter most.

E. Good _____.

How do we help each other grow?

• Through your _____

John 13:14-15 - Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

- Through your _____

Deuteronomy 6:7 - Impress them on your children. **Talk** about them when you **sit at home** and when you **walk along the road**, when you **lie down** and **when you get up**.

- _____ through criticizing or comparing

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

4. Awesome families _____ God and others

- We serve God by serving others.

Hebrews 10:24 - And let us consider **how** we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Acts 10:2 - He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

Joshua 24:15 - But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Next Step: Be here next week for "How to Raise Kids in a Digital World."