

Text: Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-24; Colossian 3:18-21
Topics: Family, Identity, Marriage
Series: Building Families God's Way

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Start at the Core

We're striving to build families with God's principles as the core of our identities.

I. Endowment (Genesis 1:26-31)

Treat others with dignity

Pursue God's purposes

II. Relationships (Genesis 2:18-24)

We need others

Uphold marriage

III. Family (Colossians 3:18-21)

Husbands are loving leaders

Wives are supportive helpers

Children are obedient to parents

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. What do you think are some of the biggest challenges facing families today? How do you see people responding to these challenges?

2. Read Matthew 5:43-48. How does Jesus define being perfect in God's eyes concerning our conduct toward others? How are we to see others?

Give an example (no names to your group please) of when living this has been difficult. How might you find help from the Lord?

3. From Titus 2:11-14, what is God's purpose for our lives through the grace He has extended us in salvation?

Give specific examples of how you are, or could be, applying these purposes of God into the needs and responsibilities of your everyday family life.

4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-26. Write down some of the things this passage teaches us about our relationships with others in the church.

How might reinforcing these principles strengthen a family. Give examples of how to reinforce these principles.

5. From Ephesians 5:22-33, and 1 Peter 3:1-7, what are some of God's principles for the husband and the wife?

What good would it do to practice these things if your spouse isn't doing what they should? Is it okay to then stop practicing these things yourself?

Give an example of what a husband and what a wife could do to apply one or more of these principles.

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?