

# HOME FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

**TIP:** Remember to begin and end with prayer, as well as plant your seed offering. It may be helpful to have someone read the scriptures in the King James Version (KJV) and another the Amplified (AMP) version for better understanding.

**Date:** September 21, 2022

**Topic:** Family Matters

**Introduction:** Tonight, we will continue our studies from Sunday's sermon entitled, "Family Matters, let it Go." We are living in times, where the family unit is seemingly under attack. Families both immediate and extended, are experiencing difficult times. God revealed that the enemy is wreaking havoc in many families so the question is, what can we do and how can we make things better? The answer is in the word.



**Read:** Colossians 3:13 and 1 John 4:20



**Study & Discuss:** God created the family unit before He established the church. It was God's design to use the family to propagate the earth and expand His kingdom. Therefore, when we say Family Matters, there are multiple meanings to this phrase. First and foremost, the family unit matters to God because it's His creation. Secondly, there are matters in the family that needs to be resolved in order to reap the blessings of togetherness (Psalm 133:1,3). Finally, you must understand that your family matters regardless of the feuds or disagreements that persist over the years, there is always hope for reconciliation (Luke 17:4). Remember as the saying goes, a family that prays to together, stays together (Luke 18:1).

**Husbands & Wives** Read Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:21-33

From the beginning of creation, God ordained the sanctity of marriage between husband and wife. In Genesis 3:1-6, you see where the enemy attacked the first union of mankind which was between Adam and Eve, thus to this day, he continues to try and divide marriages. Therefore, husbands and wives must always be mindful of the enemy's schemes to destroy the union. As a result, to defeat the enemy, you must always abide in love, unity, and submit yourselves to one another, in the fear of God.

**Parents** Read Colossians 3:21

Parents are the head of the immediate family unit and most importantly, the first example of what love should look like in the household. Be mindful that children often imitate what they see. Therefore, parents should always strive to show love towards other and encourage their children in their faith with Godly discipline, instead of provoking them to anger. Note that anger can lead to sin.

**Children**

Read Ephesians 6:1-3, Proverbs 6:20

Children are encouraged to follow the teachings given by their parents. Although sometimes while children are young, they may resent their parent's advice or teaching, however when they grow older it will be to their advantage. Remember, the first commandment with a promise is Ephesians 6:1-3, "Honor your father and mother that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth."

**Extended Family**

Read Proverbs 11:29

The extended family is not exempt from the attacks of the enemy, whether it be over land, inheritance, or old family quarrels. However, the scripture tells us in Proverbs 11:29, that anyone who sows discord among the family and causes trouble, will ultimately gain nothing ("inherit the wind"). On the other hand, those who are wise and does not create trouble, will be blessed and gain success.

**Discuss:**

- Why is it so important for husbands and wives to exemplify oneness or unity?
- Do you believe the scripture Ephesians 6:1-3, still applies to adult children? Why?
- Read James 1:19. How can parents use this scripture when disciplining their children?
- What are some of the challenges facing your family today? How can you use the word of God to overcome them?

**Assignment: Read Ephesians 4:31-32**

Tonight, search your heart. If there is anyone in your immediate or extended family that is estranged from you, although it may not be your fault for the division, reach out to them in love. For the Bible says in Ephesians 4:31-32...Put it away (let it go) and forgive just as Christ forgave you, because tomorrow is not promised (James 4:13-17).

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If you have additional questions or comments that you would like to submit regarding tonight's topic, please submit them via email to one of our ministers at: [info@godswaywoc.org](mailto:info@godswaywoc.org).

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