

FAMILY MATTERS #6 - HABIT OF THE FAMILY

1 CORINTHIANS 16:12-18

They were both disposed (willing) and devoted (committed) to the ministry in the service of the saints.

I. SERVING TOGETHER

- A. The House of Stephanas were serious 1 COR. 1:16
 - 1. Name "Stephanas" means "crowned"
 - 2. Baptized personally by Paul (Antioch Baptist)
 - 3. He remembers - The family had an effect on him
- B. Epaphroditus from the house of Stephanas ROM. 16:5
 - 1. Many people think Paul met him in Athens
 - 2. Possibly an escaped slave or an estranged son
- C. Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus made Paul glad
 - 1. Letter to Corinth written at Philippi
 - 2. Carried by those three and Timotheus
 - 3. Trusted ministers - provided anything lacking

II. SEARCHING TOGETHER

- A. Abraham AND his children sought a city HEB. 11:8-10
 - 1. He believed God on faith and taught his children
 - 2. They ALSO sojourned in the promised land (vs. 9)
- B. Sojourn - To dwell in a place as a temporary resident
- C. Children will not be young forever - teach early!

III. SPEAKING TOGETHER

- A. Speaking about God and His blessings DEUT. 11:19
 - 1. Put down the phones and turn off the TV
 - 2. Take the time / MAKE the time
- B. HABIT! Do it again tomorrow (liest down and risest up)

IV. SINGING TOGETHER

- A. Singing together makes the word dwell RICHLY COL. 3:16
- B. Signing TEACHES and ADMONISHES

V. SUPPORTING TOGETHER

- A. No restrictions put upon prayer 1 THESS. 5:17
- B. Job upheld his children CONTINUALLY JOB 1:1-5
- C. Pray inside outward:
 - 1. Deal with your own sin first / Temptation
 - 2. Then Spouse, Children, Church, Unsaved, etc.