

FAMILY MATTERS #10 - ORIENTATION OF THE FAMILY

MATTHEW 6:25-34

A godly family has a well-understood, often communicated, and never-violated set of priorities that start with godly things.

I. OUR LIVES ORIENTATED TOWARD GOD

A. Seek first the Kingdom of God

1. God is a God of order in all things
2. Salvation > Baptism > Discipleship > Service

B. Keep the first things first TITUS 2:1-7

1. Learn sound doctrine so you will LIVE it!
2. Show yourself a PATTERN (a template - explain)

II. OUR MARRIAGE ORIENTED TOWARD GOD

A. Husbands love your wives EPH. 5:26-28

1. Jesus immersed His church in the Word of God
2. "So" (means in the same way) ought men

B. Wives honor your husbands PROV. 31:10-12, 25-30

1. The tongue controlled (LAW of kindness)
2. Looking well to HER household (not others)
3. Defining virtue? She fears the Lord.

C. Closer to God means closer to each other

III. OUR CHILDREN ORIENTED TOWARD GOD

A. Training a child PROV. 22:6

1. Training a gun means "aiming at a target"
2. The acts of the parent will train the child
3. DEMONSTRATE godliness before demanding it

B. Demonstrate priorities so they can emulate them

1. Bible reading - if you won't, they won't
2. Prayer - mature or "now I lay me down to sleep"
3. Church - vacations, business trips, illnesses
4. Missions - spreading the Gospel

IV. OUR FAMILY ORIENTED TOWARD GOD

A. Principle of Discipline - Demonstrate Self Discipline

1. Discipline is not punishment (self-punishment?)
2. Loud words are neither discipline nor punishment
3. Don't make a rule unless 100% to enforce it

B. Principle of Attitude - Demonstrate Self Correction

C. Principle of Family Prayer - Demonstrate Leadership

D. Walk > Marriage > Children > Church = Repeating Pattern!