

Topic: Growing Healthy Families – Part 1 of 4
Scripture: Genesis 2:18, 24
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WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR A FAMILY?

Genesis 2:18,24 "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.' Therefore a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife..."

I. A FAMILY IS TO BE A _____.

"These commandments... Impress them upon 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." Deut. 6:6-7

"May our sons in their youth be like plants that grow up strong." Ps. 144:12 (GN)

"Fathers, don't exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Eph. 6:4

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with man." Luke 2:52

Three things you learn from your family...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

"One generation makes known your faithfulness to the next." Isa. 38:19 (LB)

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II. A FAMILY IS TO BE A _____.

"Reverence for the Lord gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security." Pr. 14:26 (LB)

Types of Storms...

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"Two are better than one... If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad because there's no one to help him." Eccl. 4:9-10 (GN)

"One standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer." Eccl. 4:12 (LB)

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III. A FAMILY IS TO BE A _____.

"Stephanas and his family ... were the first to become Christians in Greece and they are spending their lives helping and serving Christians everywhere." 1 Cor. 16:15 (LB)

"... the whole family was filled with joy because they had come to believe in God." Acts 16:33

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius...He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. Acts 10:1-2

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IV. A FAMILY IS TO BE A _____.

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children" Ephesians 6:4

"Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love..." Eccl. 9:9

"Be happy with your wife and find your joy with the girl you married." Pr. 5:18 (GN)

"Children are a gift from God; they are his reward. Children are like sharp arrows. . . Happy is the man whose quiver is full of them!" Ps. 127:3-5 (LB)

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Psalms 127:1 Unless the Lord builds a house, the builders' work is useless.