

# Family Matters

Text: Various

**Main Idea: The purpose of the family is to raise God honoring people that influence the society towards God honoring living.**

Last few weeks focused on marriage

Seemed appropriate to consider the family

Parenting is dreamed of as being a harmonious thing, not always true

This is not me telling you what to do, relaying what God's word outlines for families

Values of our church-all 5 are hit

1. Vibrant Worship and Prayer
2. Rooted in God's Word
3. Walking in Step with the Holy Spirit
4. Loving People Through Authentic Relationships
5. Reaching our Community with the Gospel of Christ

What Does a Biblical Family Look Like

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Gen 1:26, Gen 2:18-23, 1 Cor. 12

Rom. 3:10-18, 23

Gives reason to extend grace, to our kids, ourselves, and others

No revelatory; simply a baseline

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- Discipline is used to bring out righteousness, not for manipulation or cruelty (2, 3, 4)

Proverbs 13:24, 22:15, Hebrews 12:4-11

Done out of a heart of love

Make sure to check motives before carrying out (Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21)

Neither laissez faire or domineering, authoritative style (Diana Baumrind, 1960s)

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### Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 2 Timothy 1:3-7, Proverbs 22:6

The home is meant to be the training ground to raise people who are righteous as defined by God

These habits are learned in the home and reinforced in the faith community

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- Reconciliation is demonstrated (2-5)

### Matthew 6:9-15, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Heart of the gospel message

Builds relationships when fracture could happen

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We exist to partner with God in His mission (Matthew 28:18-20)

### Where Do We Go From Here

- Invest the time, energy, and money into the family

Data I'm finding shows teens still look to their parents for advice a lot

Increase chances to influence by being engaged while reading a situation of whether to listen, advise, or take action (is this a listening conversation or an action conversation)

Our money shows where our heart is

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We need each other

The Anxious Generation-teens and kids need someone who isn't their parents to come along side them to do life

This is why your participation in kids and teens matters

Note to non parents and grandparents: you have a role to come along side parents

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The Anxious Generation-2 big factors to rise in anxiety and depression: internet/screen usage and over parenting

Balance of when and where limits are needed

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- Pray together and interact with God's word together