

Sermon Series: “The Family: How It Works”

Placing Family in its Proper Perspective

Introduction: The absolute best family is a Christ-centered family. And the place to find the time-tested truths to build that kind of foundation for our family is in the Bible. In nearly every aspect of life, there will always be people who gravitate toward one extreme or the other, including the family.

I. Some Have Put Family on _____

Genesis 4:1-8 (Adam and Eve’s family)

Genesis 27-33 (Isaac and Rebekah’s family)

Genesis 37 (Jacob’s family)

I Samuel 2:12-36; 4:11 (Eli’s family)

Acts 13:33; II Samuel 13:1-28; 14-19 (David’s family)

“A happy family is but an earlier heaven” (Sir John Bowring)

Ephesians 3:15

Matthew 18:1-7; Mark 9:42; Luke 17:2

Psalms 11:3

II. Some Have Made Family an _____

I Timothy 4:4; John 8:44

John 17:15; Matthew 9:10&11; 11:18&19; Luke 5:29&30, 15:1&2, 19:1-10

Matthew 6:24

“Why is it God never calls anyone into the ministry loud enough for their whole family to hear?” (Fred Craddock) Ex.:

Genesis 12:1-4; Exodus 2:21-25; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Luke 14:26&27; Matthew 10:34-39; Luke 9:57-62

The family of God’s instrument for pointing people *to* Him, and not a replacement *for* Him.

Conclusion: “The family is our refuge and our springboard; nourished on it, we can advance to new horizons. In every conceivable manner, the family is our link to the past, and our bridge to the future” (Alex Haley, author of Roots)
Romans 13:11