

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN ITSELF: BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES

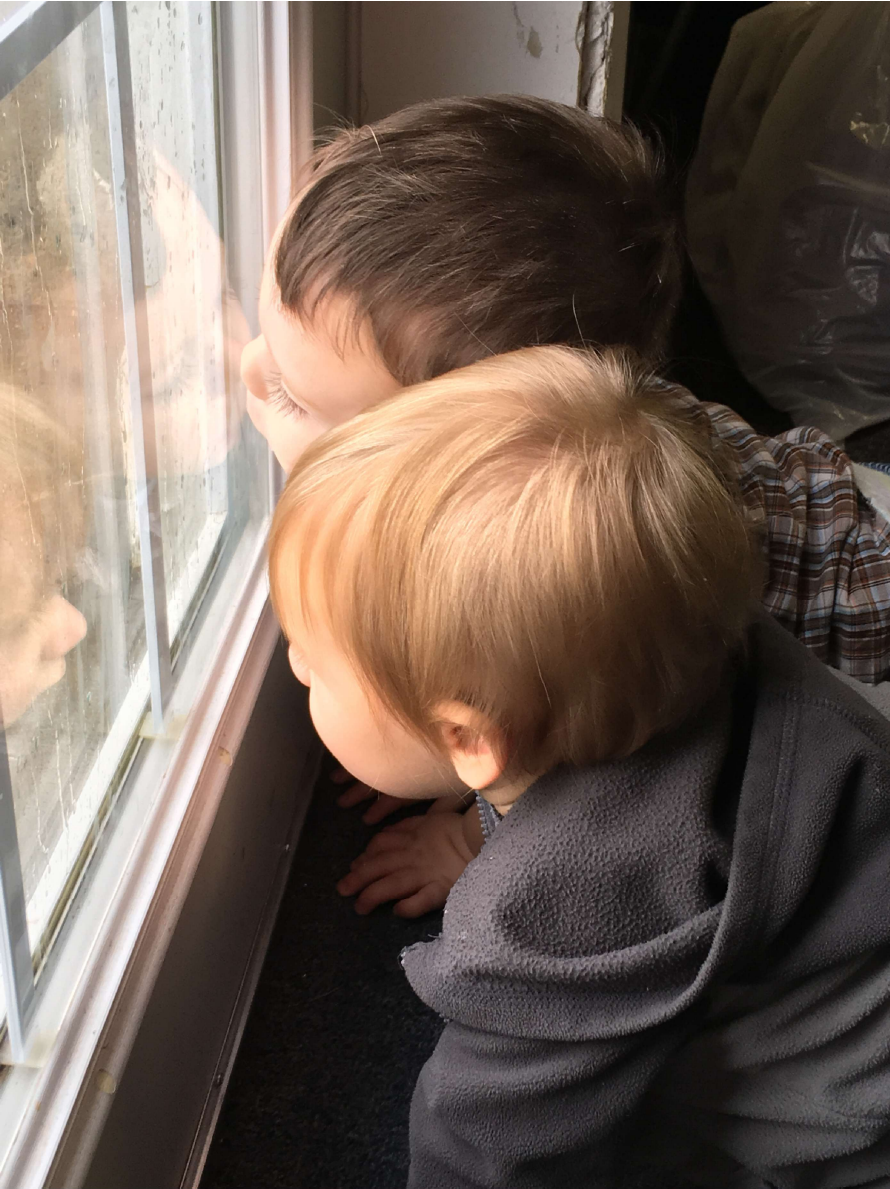


Exploring scriptural principles for strong family relationships



TITUS 2:11-14

11For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”



WE ARE CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE GENESIS 1:26-27

•“**26**Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**” **27**So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them.”

“IN GOD’S IMAGE” IS NOT PHYSICAL APPEARANCE



Isaiah 31:3a “3Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God;
And their horses are flesh, and **not spirit...**”

John 4:24 “24God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must
worship in spirit and truth.”

PSALM 139:14, 15



14 I will praise You, for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made**; 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And **skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.**

GOD CREATED TWO SEXES GENESIS 1:27



27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them.”



“BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY” GENESIS 1:28



28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.**”



EQUALITY OF THE SEXES 1 CORINTHIANS 11:11,12

[11](#)Nevertheless, neither *is* man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. [12](#)For as woman *came* from man, even so man also *comes* through woman; but all things are from God.

A NEW FAMILY GENESIS 2:23,24

23And Adam said:

“This is now bone of my bones

And flesh of my flesh;

She shall be called Woman,

Because she was taken out of Man.”

24Therefore a man shall leave his
father and mother and be joined to his
wife, and they shall become one flesh.



MALE HEADSHIP



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- Man was created before the woman
 - The woman was created for the man
 - She is to be a helper suitable for him
 - The woman was brought to the man
 - The woman was TWICE named by the man (Genesis 2:23, 3:20)

WHY IS MALE HEADSHIP SIGNIFICANT?

Romans 5:12, “[12](#)Therefore, **just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—**”

- **Adam** was responsible. **Principle:** Male Headship means Husbands are accountable in the marriage relationship.
- Headship does not mean superiority

MALE HEADSHIP=UNEQUAL AUTHORITY



- Ephesians 5:21-33
- 1 Peter 3:1-7
- Titus 2:4,5
- Colossians 3:18,19

SUBMISSION DOES NOT MEAN:



- The wife is to be micromanaged by the husband
- That she does not have authority over the home or the children, or no control over a business, job or personal pursuits
- That she has to put up with physical abuse
- That she cannot make reasonable demands of her husband

SUBMISSION DOES MEAN:

1. The wife is to support the husband's ability to make decisions for the household. He does not make those decisions alone.
2. The wife is to support the husband in his headship role of the marriage.



EPHESIANS 5:22-24



[22](#)Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23](#)For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. [24](#)Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

EPHESIANS 5:25-31



25Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26that He might [g]sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28So **husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies**; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29For no one ever hated his own flesh, but **nourishes and cherishes it**, just as the Lord does the church. 30For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

EPHESIANS 5:32-33



32This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

CHILDREN EXODUS 20:7

12“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.”



PARENTS

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

4“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6“**And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.** 7You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



NURTURING SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN OUR CHILDREN

Spiritual Disciplines

Families cultivate spiritual disciplines to strengthen their faith and unity in daily life.

Prayer Together

Regular family prayer fosters deeper connection with God and with each other.

Eat meals together

Having regular times together. Encourage open discussions of spiritual issues


Share Your Faith

Engaging in faith activities helps families grow spiritually and emotionally together.

LOVE

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.



NON-TRADITIONAL FAMILIES

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- What about when we come from a family without two parents? Or with a step-parent? Or without any parent?
 - What if we have family members who are not Christian? What if our parents are not “honorable?” Is there an exception to the command to honor parents that are not honorable?

CONCLUSION

Begin with a
circumcised heart

Do we understand who we
are in God's eyes? Do we
know what the Bible teaches
about relationships?

Love, respect,
forgiveness, & Sacrifice

Our families see, on a daily
basis, what is most
important to us. Are we
demonstrating love and
respect, forgiveness,
sacrifice

Not everyone has an
intact family. If not,
realize that we are still
His creation, created
for relationship. Rely on
your church family to
be "my family."