



Foundations of the Family of God

Growing Godly Families – WCBS 2017

“Except the LORD build the House”



What are we doing here?



He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good;
and what doth the LORD require of thee,
but **to do justly**, and
to love mercy,
and to **walk**
humbly with
thy God?

Micah 6:8



Influence Others for Good



Gain Some Direction

God's Purpose

Hab 2:14 "For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.

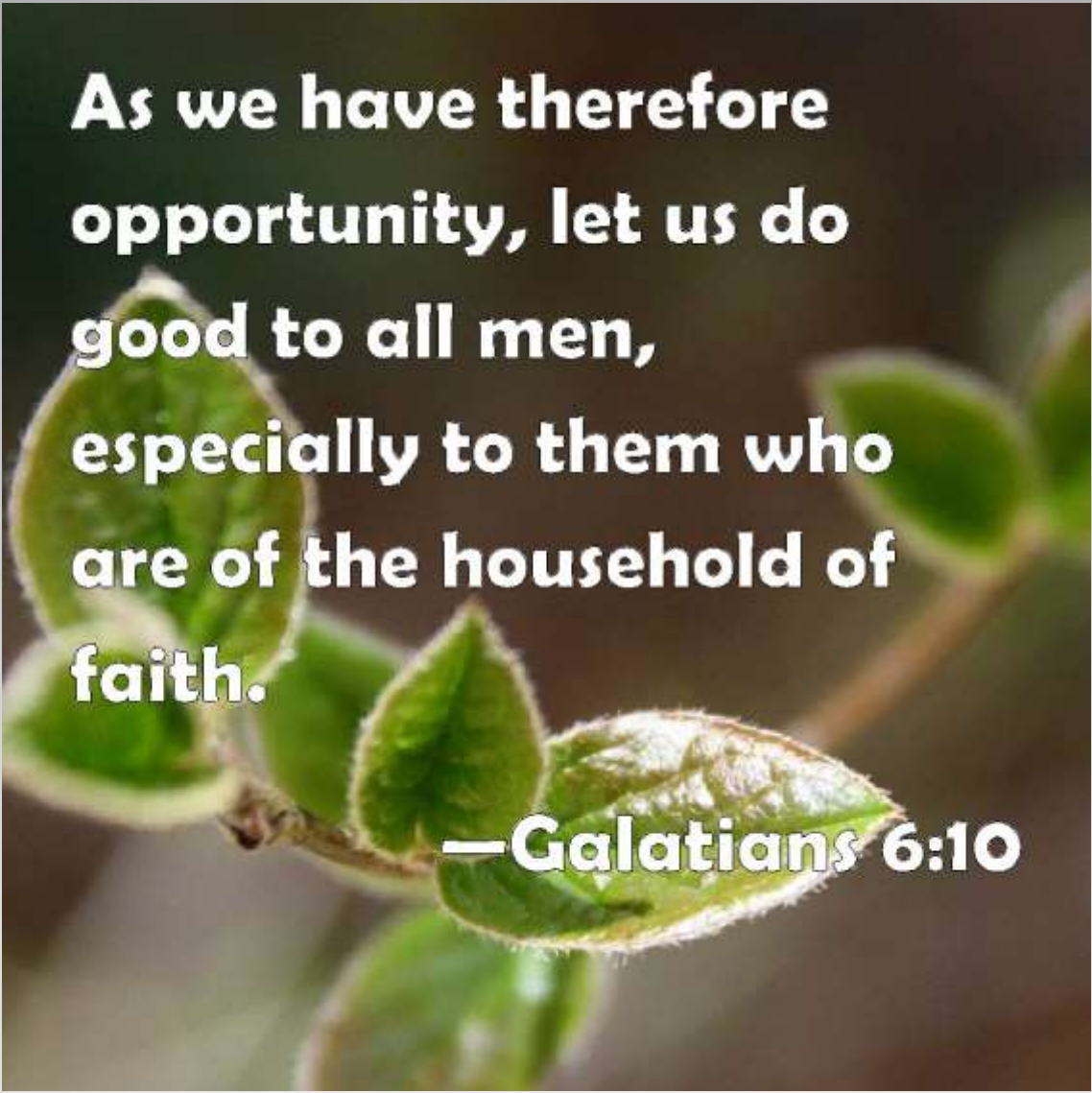




Not Good to be Alone



Families are Designed for Growth

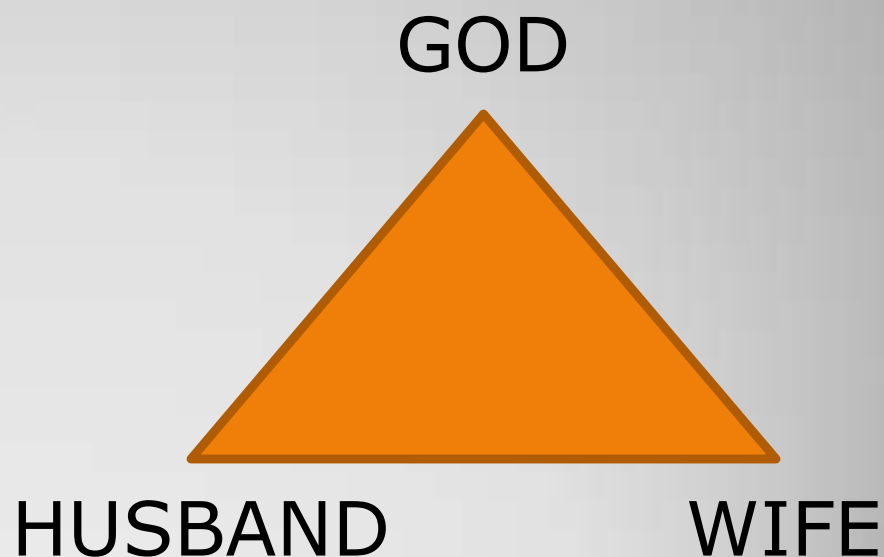


**As we have therefore
opportunity, let us do
good to all men,
especially to them who
are of the household of
faith.**

—Galatians 6:10

Do Good to All

- Eph 5:31 "That is why a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one flesh."



God's Family Unit

- Children don't FULFILL a family
- they EXPAND the family



God's Family Unit

Loving Communication



Key to the family Unit

Eph 5:31 "FOR THIS REASON A MAN IS TO LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS OTHER AND BE UNITED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BE AS ONE."

Eph 5:32 That is a great truth hitherto kept secret: I mean the truth concerning Christ and the Church.



Our Family relationship is Manifested to Others

Psa 127:3 Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is* his reward.



Challenge: Make God Father of our Families

Psa 103:13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.



Eph 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children:

God is our Example



We Make God Real to Our Children

"The best gift you can give your child is to love their mother"



Foundations of Family



Couch Time



Communication Within the Family



Communicate With Respect

First Time Obedience



1. Call your child to you and expect a “Yes Mummy” or “Yes Daddy”.
2. The child must come to you immediately.
3. Maintain eye contact.
4. Give instruction clearly in 1 or 2 sentences.
5. Expect a verbal response.
6. Child must action instruction and confirm to you that it is done.
7. Encouragement - “Well Done” and a hug.

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deu 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Deu 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Gods word expressed in the Family



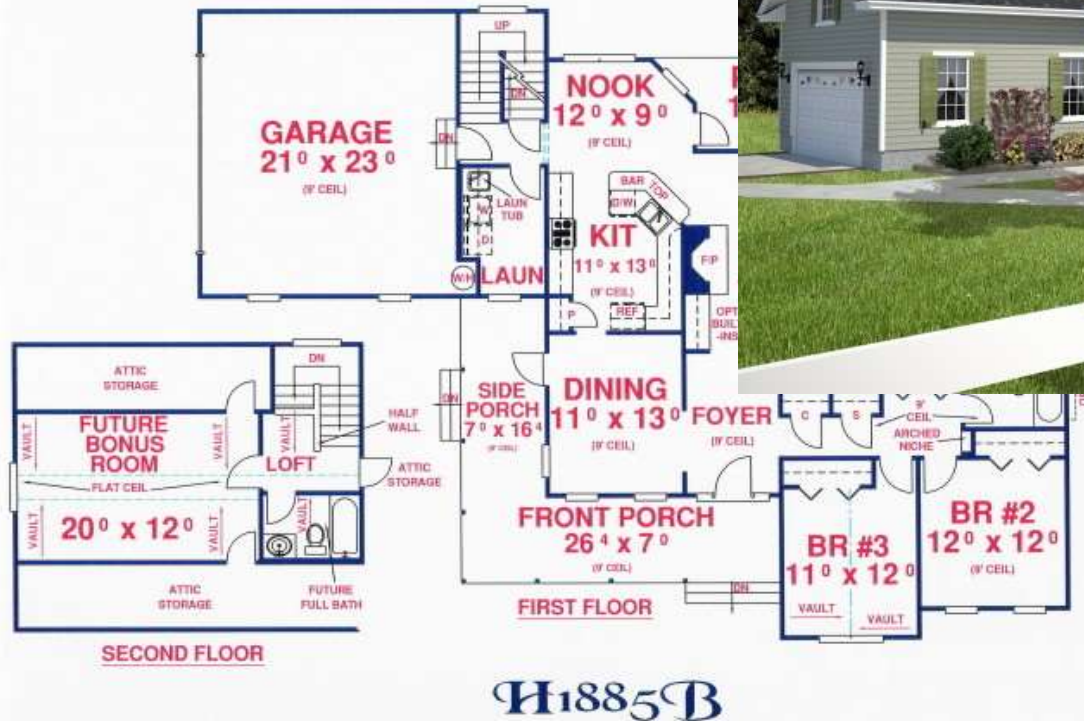
Our Family Rules

- We will read the Bible every day
- We will use kind words to each other
- We will treat each other with respect
- We will not provoke one another
- We will use no physical force against each other
- We will not be selfish but share with others
- We will complete all chores and homework willingly and diligently
- We will not lie to one another
- We will clean up after ourselves and our friends
- We will cooperate and contribute as a team
- We will not pout or argue



Set By God's word

Moral Standard



Character vs Personality

**THE HABITS OF
THE CHILD
BECOME THE
CHARACTER OF
THE MAN.**

- charlotte mason

Character has Eternal Potential

**“Having a child
no more makes
you a parent
than having a
piano makes
you a musician”**



**We Learn to Parent
from our Father 's Example to us**

1Tim 2:15 ... she shall be saved in *childrearing*, if they continue in faith and love and holiness with self control.



Motherhood – a Work of Salvation

- Psa37:3 **Trust in the LORD**, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- Psa 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD; **trust in him**, and he will act.
- Isa 26:4 **Trust in the LORD** forever, for the LORD GOD is **an everlasting rock**.

**The pattern –
Trust in our Heavenly Father**



Develop Trust through Empathy

- Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

- (Christ)
- Heb 5:8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.



Teach Obedience



- Eph 5:31 "That is why a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one flesh.
- Eph 5:32 This is a great *secret*. but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
- Eph 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence *her* husband.



Husband = Christ



Things
Dads
Never
Say



Do you Say "I Love You"



Family Priorities and Goals

- Exo 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother,



- Deu 5:16 "'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you,

Honour - are we acting worthy of it ?

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

1Pet 3:1 In a similar way, you **wives, must submit yourselves to your husbands** so that, even if some of them refuse to obey the word, **they may be won over** without a word **through your conduct as wives**

1Pe 3:7 In a similar way, you **husbands, must live with your wives in an understanding manner,** as with a most delicate vessel, Honour them as **heirs with you of the gracious gift of life,** so that nothing may interfere with your prayers.

Loving, Respectful, Kind, Forgiving

1. Follow the example of our Heavenly Father and demonstrate His Authority and Character
2. Lead in love and demonstrate loving communication
3. Be trustworthy and cultivate trust
4. Regularly renew the principles from Gods word in our heart
5. Teach principles and moral lessons along the way
 - * Obedience
 - * Honesty
 - * Respect
 - * Kindness & Thoughtfulness
 - * Self-control
 - * Diligence
6. Encourage – don't provoke
7. Always influence for good
8. Correct our children
9. Guard our tongue and tone
10. Be worthy of honour as a father or mother

Parental responsibilities

8 Non-Negotiable Duties of a Father

1. A father must cultivate a sense of family identity.
2. A father must regularly demonstrate love to his wife.
3. A father must respect his child's private world.
4. A father must give his children the freedom to fail.
5. A father must be the encourager of the family.
6. A father must guard his tongue and tone.
7. A father must routinely embrace his children.
8. A father must build a relationship of trust with his children built on God's Word and not human.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

VERSE ONE

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only son
To make a wretch his treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one
Bring many sons to glory

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

VERSE TWO

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulder
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

VERSE THREE

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom