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**The Family: The Natural Institution of Love and Support**

* Traditionally, a family is a group of people (parents and children), who are unified by marriage (parents), blood, or adoption, living in one roof.

**Characteristics of a Family:**

1. A family is a group of people formed by a woman and a man.
2. The children could be biological offspring or adopted.
3. Most families live in one roof and reside there permanently.
4. Family members interact based on their roles as married couples, mother, father, children, or siblings.
5. Filipino culture is known for being family-oriented.
6. A family in most cases, is the proof of all the positive aspects of love and relationship.

**Family as a Natural Institution:**

* **Institution** – Organization, with a chosen leader and recruited members.

**The Family as the Basic Institution of Society:**

1. A family is a community where people have an orderly way of life based on a good relationship.
2. The family’s basic support is strengthened by the love between a man and a woman, who both decided to get married and live together for a lifetime.
3. The family is the first and most important part of society.
4. Family is the fundamental and original school for love and support for others.
5. The family is the first and irreplaceable institution for social life.
6. Social relations begin in the family, where respect, justice, dialogue, support, and love and evident.
7. The family has social and political responsibilities.

**Influence of the Family on Personhood:**

* The family plays an important role in developing your character as you grow and learn new knowledge and skills.

1. Your parents can greatly influence your values.
2. As you are young and at home with your family, you should be open to learning from their good teachings and examples.