**ESP Reviewer**

**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.

**Mission of the Family in Education, Guidance, and Faith**

**Family Mission:**

* Providing them with education.
* Guide their children in their growth and development.
* From birth to adulthood of the children, there is a lot of learning and decision-making in the family.
* Most parents believe that their children’s education is their highest priority.

**The Family as a School of Values:**

* The family is the fundamental and original school of values such as love, faith, and cooperation.
* Each member of the family grows and develops.
* Your parents are your first teachers.
* Your home is your first school.
* The values you learned from your family improve your character.

**The Family Shapes Its Members in Unity:**

1. Schedule family time
2. Eat meals together.
3. Do chores as a family
4. Play together
5. Show acceptance and support for each other.
6. Plan to celebrate a special occasion for the family.
7. Combine kindness and volunteerism
8. Put competition aside
9. Create a family mission statement together
10. Put God in the center of the family.

**Parental Guidance and Authority, Teaching Respect and Accountability:**

* For many families, parental authority is a positive influence as it preserves and promotes independence and accountability.
* You are built to be responsible and independent.
* If you have learned to be obedient, you are certainly learning to serve.
* Healthy obedience to authority requires trust.
* Respect is also related to authority and obedience.
* Another related value is humility
* Positive use of authority and your independent obedience also develop diligence and perseverance in you.

**Godliness in the Family, Teaching the Practice of Faith:**

* God created the family when he united a man and a woman into the marriage bond.
* The true mission of parents is to teach their children the very root and foundation of all values. Which godliness of the teaching of the exercise of faith.