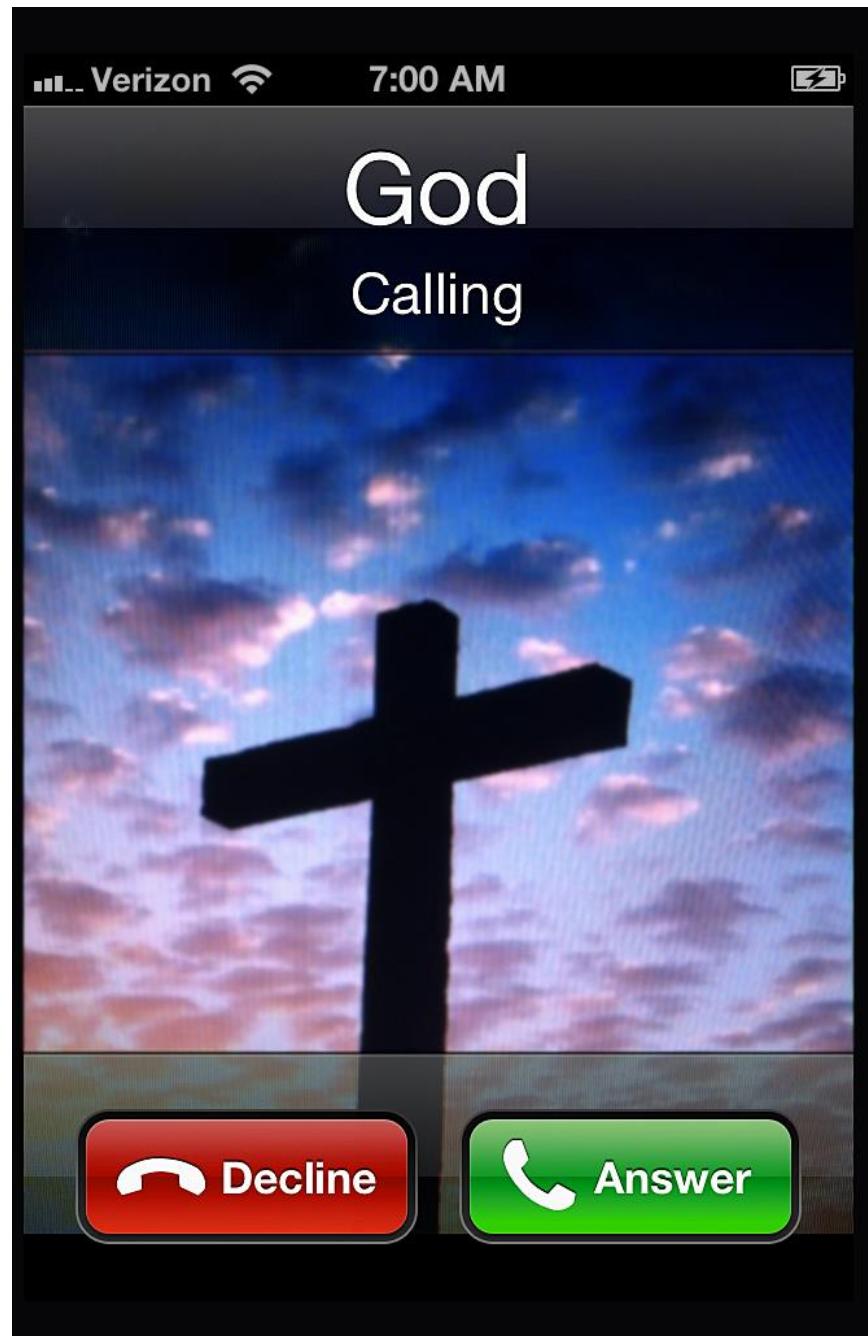


Practical Tips for a Godly home

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WELCOME



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And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Cor 9:8



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Aims of the seminar

- ▶ Remind the role of the Family ministry in our church
- ▶ Equip our families to fight the enemy
- ▶ Learn more about the needs of our families



Role of the Family ministry

- ▶ Marriage preparation
- ▶ Marriage crisis management
- ▶ Family seminars (wide ranging)
- ▶ Other needs as they develop



House vs Home

The Family



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What is a Family?



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The View of our children



What are our children learning

- ▶ <https://dub120.mail.live.com/ol/#>



Family isn't
always blood. It's the
people in your life who
want you in theirs;
the ones who **accept**
you for who you are.
The ones who would
do anything to see
you smile & who
LOVE YOU
no matter what.



Different Family types



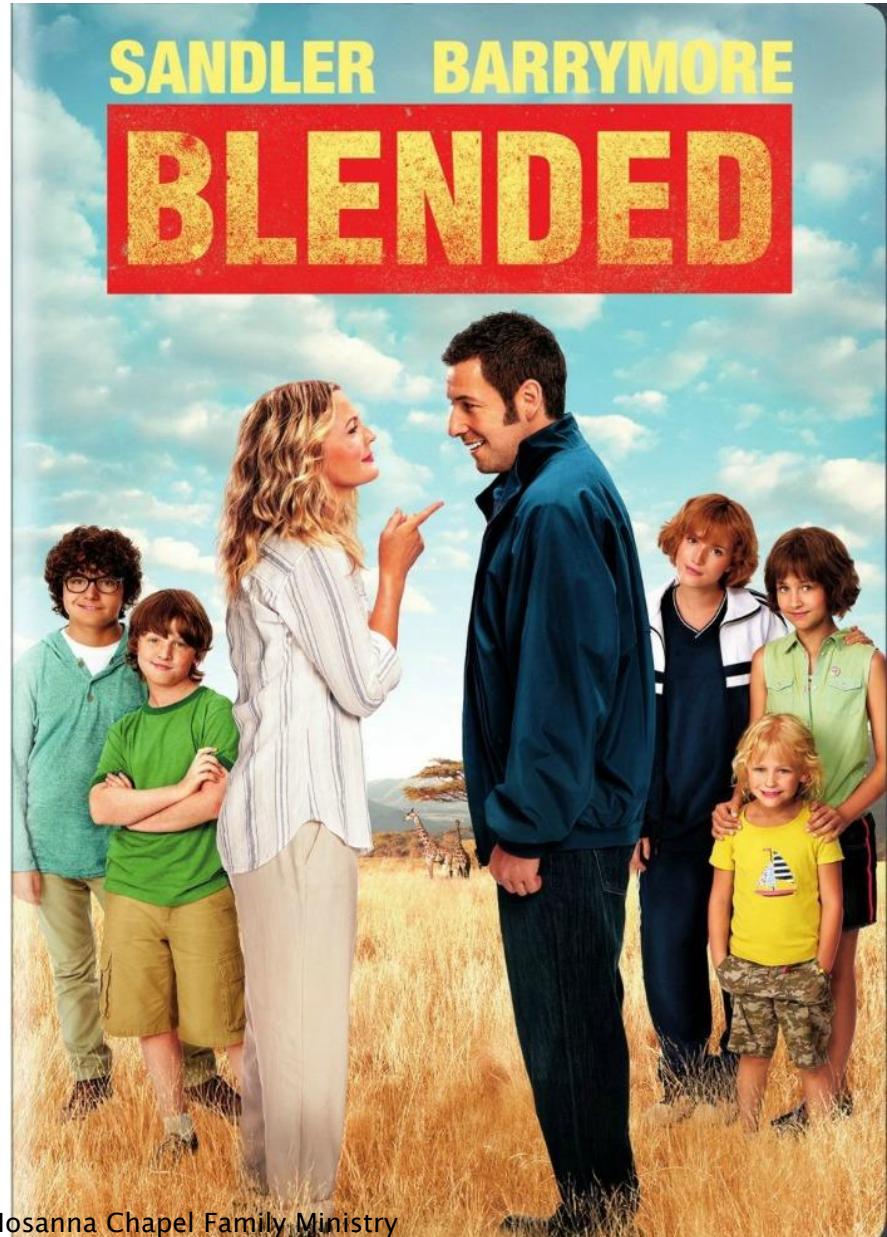
Nuclear Family



One Parent family



Blended family



Family as established by God



What is a family?

- ▶ Definition of a family
- ▶ Family types

MUCH ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

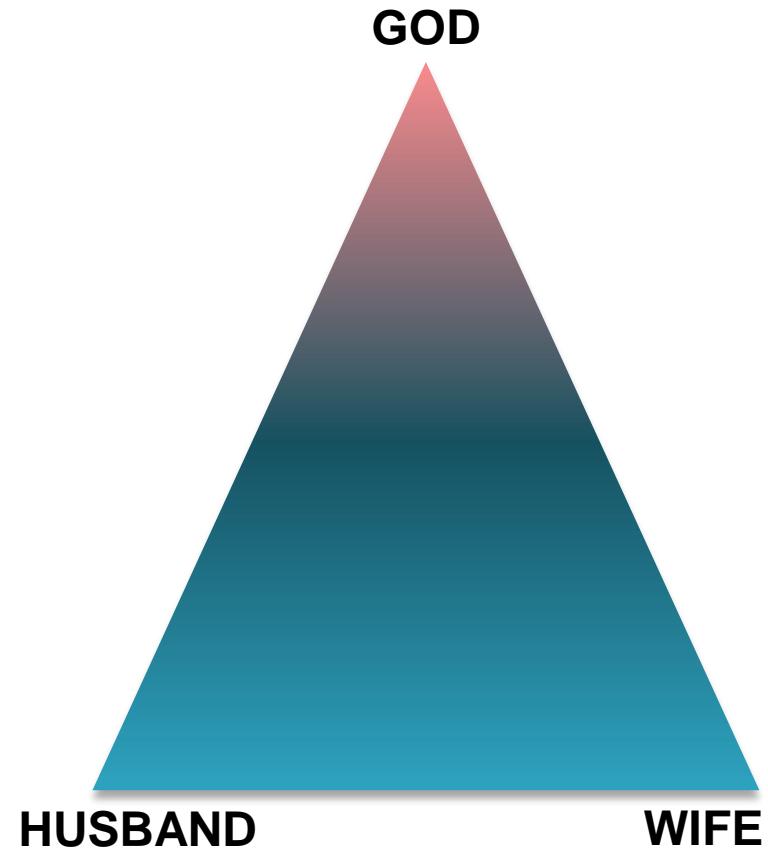
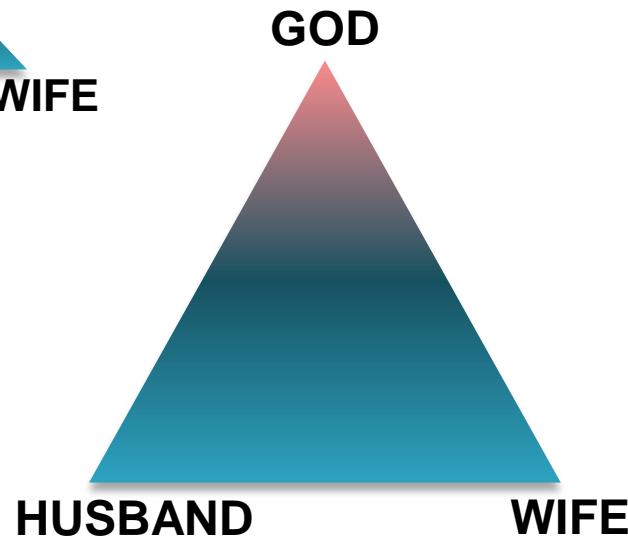
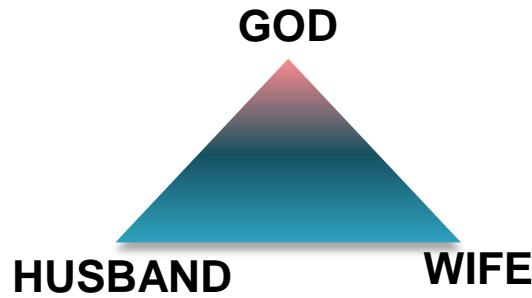


Bible's view on the family

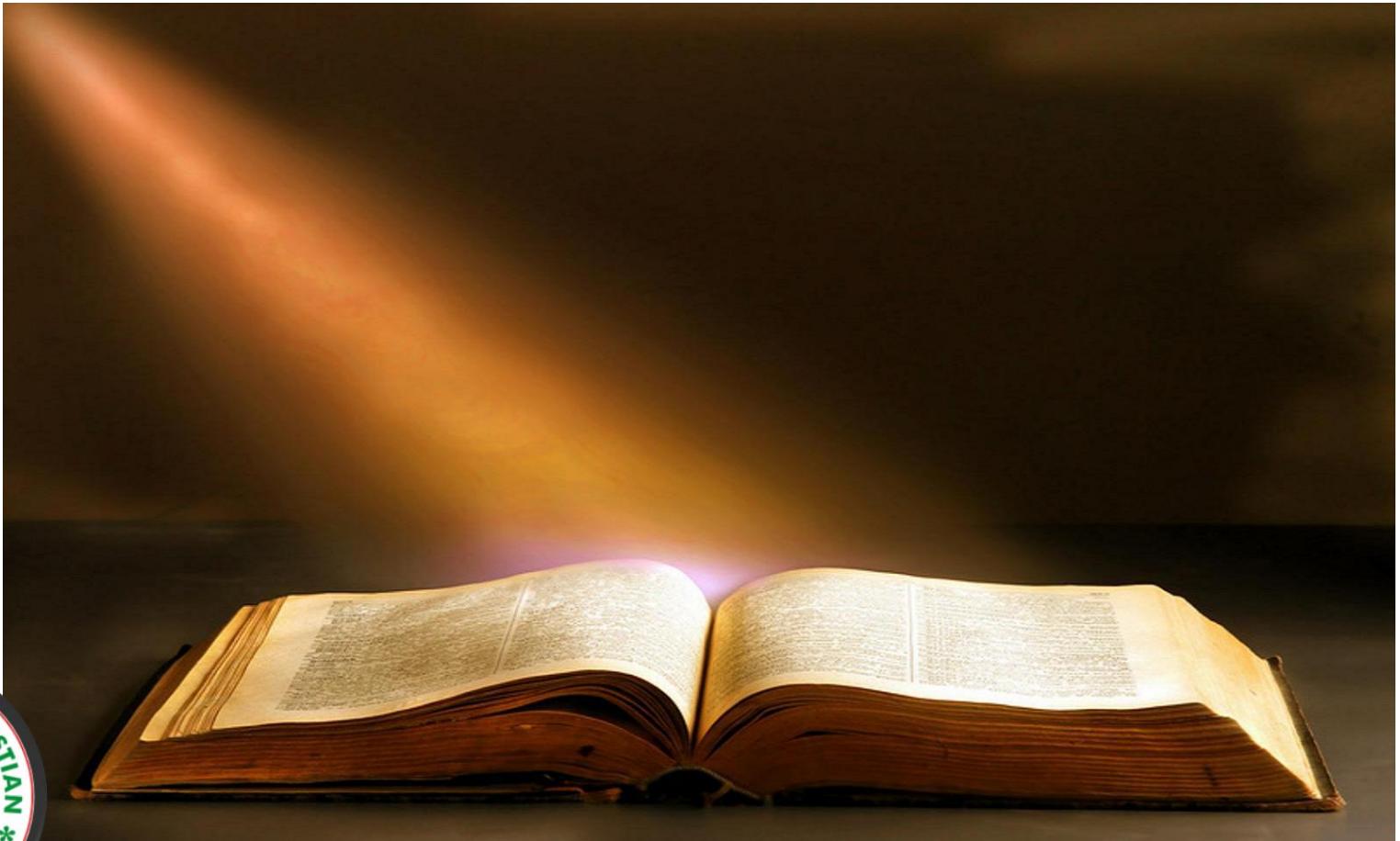
- ▶ Genesis 1:28
- ▶ God's purpose for marriage (Genesis 1 and 2)
 - To provide life-long companionship
 - To multiply
 - To mirror God's image



God – husband – wife union



Qualities of a Godly Family



Qualities of a Godly Family

- ▶ Alertness
- ▶ Attentiveness
- ▶ Diligence
- ▶ Discernment
- ▶ Endurance
- ▶ Faith
- ▶ Forgiveness
- ▶ Generosity
- ▶ Gentleness
- ▶ Gratefulness
- ▶ Humility
- ▶ Joyfulness
- ▶ Love
- ▶ Loyalty
- ▶ Meekness
- ▶ Obedience
- ▶ Orderliness
- ▶ Responsibility
- ▶ Self-Control
- ▶ Sincerity
- ▶ Tolerance
- ▶ Truthfulness
- ▶ Virtue
- ▶ Wisdom



Practical Tips for a Godly home



Matthew 10:11-13

- ▶ “Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. And when you go into a household, greet it.
- ▶ If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.” This is how God blesses homes.

Your house needs to be a house worthy of the blessing of God.



1. You need PRAYER in your home

- ▶ In Luke 19:46 Jesus says, “My house will be a house of prayer.”
- ▶ Pray alone for the needs of your spouse, children, family at large
- ▶ Pray with your spouse if you live together or if you live apart – use phone, skype etc
- ▶ For spouses with children – let your children see you pray and serve God
- ▶ Teach your children that God will answer their prayers. If God’s house is a house of prayer, yours should be one too.



Practical tips (1)

- ▶ Difficult to find time? Then **MAKE** time!
- ▶ Start small!
- ▶ Find a slot of 10 minutes to pray alone.
- ▶ Then another slot to pray with your spouse alone.
- ▶ Then another few more minutes to pray with the rest of the family.



Practical tips (2)

- ▶ When involving children, target the prayers to the level of the children so that they relate.
- ▶ Younger children get bored easily, so make it fun. Sing children praise songs with toy musical instruments before praying.
- ▶ If they get tired or distracted easily, teach them respect towards God and authority.



Practical tips (3)

- ▶ What to pray for when alone?
- ▶ Give thanks
- ▶ For more physical and spiritual strength
- ▶ For guidance
- ▶ For that thing that is bothering you or that you hate the most in your spouse
- ▶ For protection from the enemy
- ▶ Constantly cover yourselves and your house with the blood of Jesus
- ▶ Etc etc



Philippians 4 :6

- ▶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.



Practical tip (4)

- ▶ For singles –
- ▶ Build in your daily routine a time for prayer
 - Studies show that it takes 21 days to form a new habit.
 - Present habits will be carried on in your future family
- ▶ If you so wish – Pray for:
 - a Godly family of your own
 - God to guide you to the right encounter
 - A God–driven spouse (hard to find so it could take time)
 - God to strengthen you no matter what life throws at you not to rush into fast decisions, quick ungodly solutions



FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD FIRST

and He will give you the right person

THAT YOU DESERVE IN THE RIGHT TIME.





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2. Speak the word in your home

- ▶ Deuteronomy 6:6 – 9

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You 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. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



Conclusion:

- ▶ People around you should know that you are a Christian without you telling them.
- ▶ **If they know, then the enemy will also know.**



Practical tip (1)

- ▶ Every Christian house should have a **family altar**
- ▶ A family bible study and worship time
- ▶ Aims:
 - Honour God's word and respect for it
 - Establish the family in faith
- ▶ To start with – use the Open Heavens daily devotional – available even on facebook
- ▶ Combine it with the time for family prayer
- ▶ Vary the methods to keep the family interested



Practical tips (2)

- ▶ Let all participants be involved
- ▶ Give time for discussion and asking questions
- ▶ Use bible stories if little children are involved.
- ▶ Play bible games



3. Make it a house of humility

- ▶ James 4:6
- ▶ God can bless humility, he resists the proud.



Practical tip

- ▶ When issues are shared between spouses, let the spouse that is listening encourage peace and humility to the one that is offended.
- ▶ Amongst our children and friends let's not encourage competition or envy



Humility not Only
Acknowledges our Total
Dependence
on God...it accepts
God's ability to
Empower our
Potential

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**PRIDE IS
CONCERNED WITH
WHO IS RIGHT**

**HUMILITY
IS CONCERNED WITH
WHAT IS RIGHT**

- EZRA T. BENSON -

Spouses – let's apply this in our dealings with each other
Such attitude **SAVES** our marriages.

Singles – Beware of the proud and overconfident
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4. Make it a house of giving

- ▶ Malachi 3:10
- ▶ “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this,”
Says the LORD of hosts,
“If I will not open for you the windows of
heaven
And pour out for you *such* blessing
That *there will not be room enough to receive*



Practical tip

- ▶ **Proverbs 3:5 – Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;**
- ▶ Try the Lord and you and your household will be amazed.
- ▶ Don't let the love for money blind you.
- ▶ Don't let life worries hold you back.
- ▶ Stop digging yourself and your household deeper in depths.
- ▶ Invest in God. He is the safest form of investment.
- ▶ His investment will render much greater profits than those advised by Wall street.



Financial Advice (<i>source: Ameriprise financial</i>)	Biblical advice
Endure short term pain for long term gain (volatile market)	This could be so as you try to start paying your tithes monthly
Spread your wealth through asset allocation (encourage diversity – shares, bonds, real estates)	Give not only your dues (tithes) but also answer the needs of the church and fellow brethren even those you do not know. (Luke 6:38)
Consider liquidity in your investment choices (how quickly you can convert an investment into cash without loss)	Proverbs 3: 5
Invest consistently and often even when market is down	Luke 6:38
Buy and hold, don't buy and forget (review needed)	⁵ Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? (2 Cor 13:5)



Luke 6:38

- ▶ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you



5. You need leadership in your home

- ▶ Joshua 24: 15
- ▶ ‘As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord’.
- ▶ Take a stand, and have leadership in that home.



I am
convinced that a
HUSBAND
is never more attractive
TO HIS WIFE than when
he is serving in his
God-given roles
as a worthy
priesthood holder.

Linda K. Burton



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Practical tip (1)

- ▶ **Singles** – Take leadership over your lives and do not let the circumstances of life direct you towards a path that leads to future regrets
- ▶ **Solo parents** – Take leadership of your lives and children. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Remain focused on Jesus and He will fulfill all your needs according to His riches and glory (Philippians 4:19)



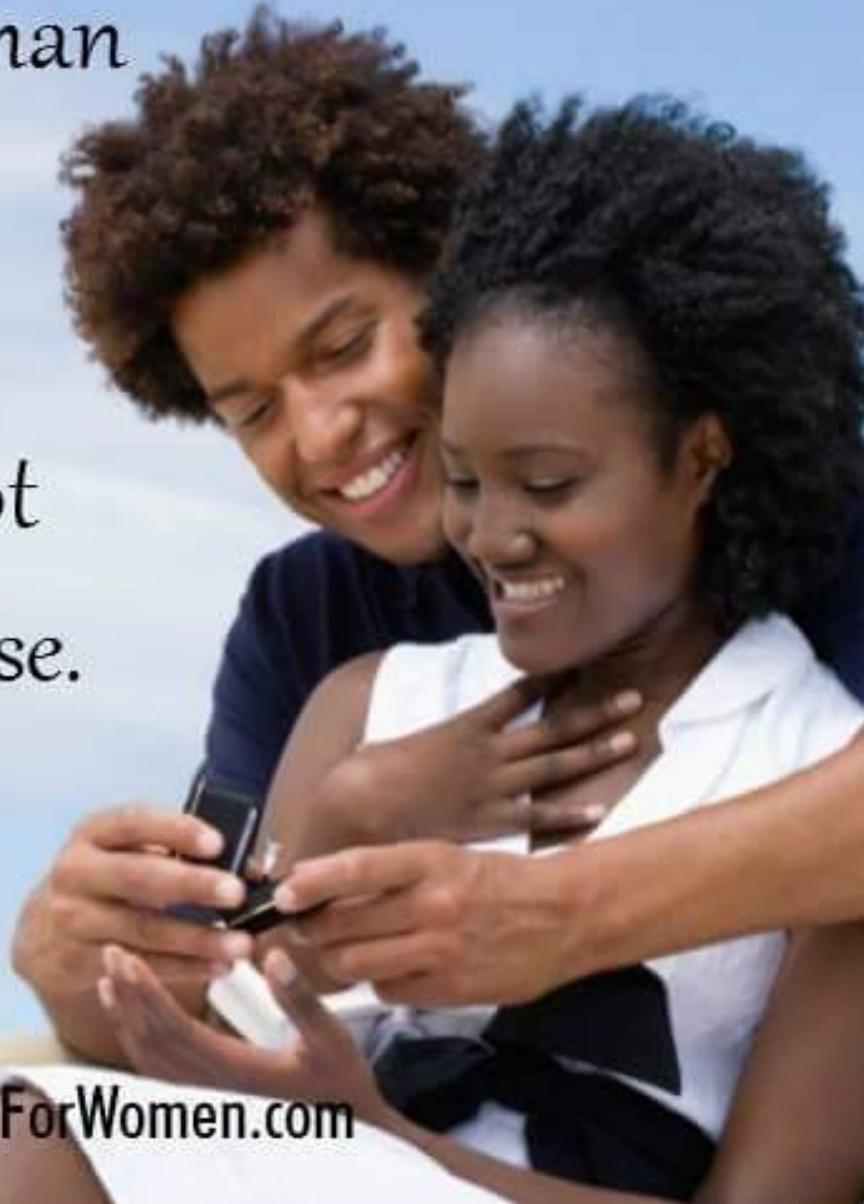
Practical tip (2)

► Men:

- take your role as priests of your household
- Establish a regular family altar
- Pray without ceasing for your families
- Take control over the choices of friends
- Cut any connections that are leading you towards wrong choices and away from God
- Stop any form of vices like gambling, smoking, pornography, online chatting to women strangers, unnecessary female friends
- All those things that you expect your spouse to do, start doing them yourself and lead by example
- Show love, care and respect to your wife and involve her in your life.



A good man
wants to
build a
home, not
play house.



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Practical tip (3)

► Women

- You are not leaders of the home, no matter how good your leadership skills are, even if those of your husband are close to zero.
- Respect your spouse no matter his short comings.
- Proverbs 31



Proverbs 31: 25 – 31

- ▶ She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs without fear of the future.
- 26 When she speaks, her words are wise,
and she gives instructions with kindness.
- 27 She carefully watches everything in her household
and suffers nothing from laziness.
- ▶ 28 Her children stand and bless her.
Her husband praises her:
29 “There are many virtuous and capable women in the
world,
but you surpass them all!”
- ▶ 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last;
but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised.
- 31 Reward her for all she has done.
Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.



For those of us that partnered with unbelievers:

When a wife strives to model Christ, she influences her husband with her Godly behavior





Any woman can spend a mans
money, ride in his car, order off the menu .

But only a real woman can help a
man achieve his goals in life, support him
when he's broke, push him to be
successful, shower him with positive
energy, compliment him on a regular basis
and never kick him while he's down.

If you find a woman like that,
make her your real partner for life.

you can't hurt this bitch



Conclusion:

- ▶ Physical distance (when families are living apart) should not be seen as a hindrance to achieve all these 5 characteristics.
- ▶ Let's accept God's call!
- ▶ Let's go outside our comfort zone!
- ▶ We are never alone.

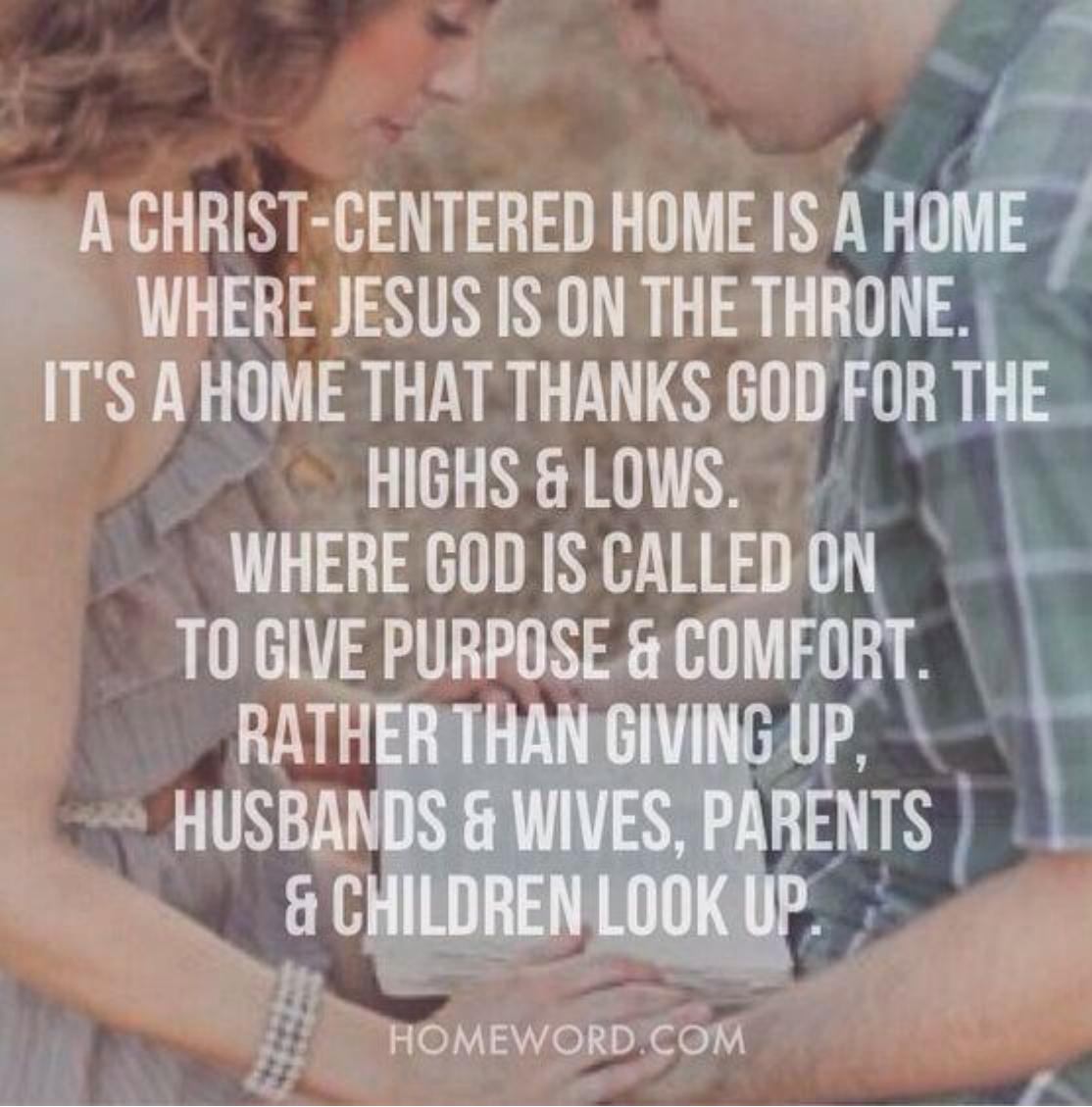
Deuteronomy 31:6

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Romans 12:18

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.





A CHRIST-CENTERED HOME IS A HOME
WHERE JESUS IS ON THE THRONE.
IT'S A HOME THAT THANKS GOD FOR THE
HIGHS & LOWS.
WHERE GOD IS CALLED ON
TO GIVE PURPOSE & COMFORT.
RATHER THAN GIVING UP,
HUSBANDS & WIVES, PARENTS
& CHILDREN LOOK UP.

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Any Questions?

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Discussion Groups

- ▶ Participants to divide themselves in 3 groups
 - Nuclear Family
 - One parent family
 - Blended Family
- ▶ Each group will need to answer these 3 questions:
 - Challenges faced by this family type
 - How can the society help
 - How can the church help



Social Services



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COUPLE COUNSELLING

- ▶ Counselling for married or dating couples:
 - Family matters negotiation centre (Perheasiain neuvottelukeskus) – organised by Evangelic-lutheran church of Finland
 - Family counselling center (perheneuvola) – organised by municipality
- ▶ Duo Familia – counselling for intercultural couples in English / Finnish. Service is subject to charge
- ▶ Family Federation (Väestöliitto) – offers couple therapy as well as other services to families. Couple therapy is subject to charge



SERVICES FOR MOTHERS-TO-BE AND FAMILIES WITH SMALL KIDS

- ▶ Pregnancy period
 - ✓ Regular maternity clinic check-ups,
 - ✓ Parental classes,
- ▶ Financial support from Kela
 - ✓ Maternity package,
 - ✓ Maternal leave and maternity allowance
 - ✓ Paternal leave and allowance
- ▶ Counselling services for parents with new-born babies / small children – organised at home or in groups
- ▶ Baby-sitting service from local municipality or private organisations



CHILDREN

- ▶ Open day-care centers – different clubs for kids and parents
- ▶ Kindergarten and pre-school (pre-school compulsory for all children)
- ▶ School – child can discuss problems with school psychologist or welfare officer. Parents can request help or advice from school workers
- ▶ Counselling for parents with kids under 12 years old:
 - Child counselling and family councelling centers (lastenneuvola, perheneuvola) – advise on parenting or children special needs (speech therapy, occupational therapy etc)
 - Online classes and information – Vaestoliitto and Mannerhein Child Welfare League
 - Special services – child welfare, child psychiatric clinic



YOUTH

- ▶ Youth center (nuorisotila) – trained youth workers organise safe and interesting activities for teenagers as well as give advise
- ▶ Web-chats, online and phone services – Väestöliitto and Mannerheim Child Welfare League
- ▶ Girls' House and Boys' House – organise clubs and different activities for girls and boys aged 10–28. Girls' House – Helsinki and Espoo, Boys'House – Helsinki
- ▶ Finnish Red Cross – youth center, where teenagers and their parents can get advice and counselling on youth matters and family relations
- ▶ Finnish Evangelic-Lutheran church and other NGOs as Vamos, Youth Crisis Center, Walters-talo



Special cases

- ▶ Domestic violence – shelters for singles (separate shelters for men and women), support groups for victims of domestic violence
- ▶ Counselling for those, who are using violence
- ▶ Depression and other psychological issues – mental health nurses, health stations, special services
- ▶ Unemployment, financial issues, accommodation problems



Closing Hymn

- ▶ God give us Christian Homes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcTmT4iE6LI>

