

PRACTICING GODLINESS

AS A

FAMILY PRIORITY

(2025-2029)

GCBCI five-year church-wide plan to prioritize godliness in the family

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Practicing Godliness as a Family Priority (2025-2029)
GCBCI five-year church-wide plan to prioritize godliness in the family

Preface

Practicing Godliness as a Family Priority (2025-2029) GCBCI's Five-Year Church-Wide Plan to Prioritize Godliness in the Family

In a world where family values are increasingly challenged, it is imperative that we, as the body of Christ, return to God's original design for the home. The family is not just a social institution—it is the first church, the primary place of spiritual formation, and a sacred trust given by God. Our commitment to godliness in the family is not just a response to cultural decay but a direct obedience to God's Word.

This five-year plan is crafted under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help families grow in godliness through intentional discipleship, Christ-centered living, and intergenerational faith-building. With each passing year, we will move deeper into our understanding and practice of godliness in the home, ensuring that our families reflect the holiness, love, and unity of Christ.

Each phase of this plan is deeply rooted in Scripture, drawing from the wisdom of the Ancient African Church Fathers, and practical for modern Christian families. As we embark on this journey, let us remember that the pursuit of godliness is not a passive endeavor—it requires dedication, humility, and reliance on the Holy Spirit.

May every household within Greater Calvary Bible Church International rise to this challenge and embrace the call to live godly lives, shaping generations to come for the glory of God.

Expansion Bible Church Leadership

Monthly Lesson Plans (12 lessons per year).

Each month will be directed by an Expansion Bible Church.

Family Challenges and Devotionals (practical applications).

Church-wide Engagement (sermons, small groups, service projects).

Milestone Evaluations (assessing spiritual growth and impact).

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Mechanics

Mechanics for Expansion Bible Church Teams to Ensure Success
Each Expansion Bible Church will oversee a specific month's theme and ensure its successful implementation across GCBCI. Below are the key mechanics and steps to ensure this initiative's effectiveness and alignment with the church's vision.

Monthly Management Structure

Each Expansion Bible Church (EBC) Responsibilities

Ensure focus on the assigned topic through teaching, activities, and engagement.

Mobilize members to participate in discussions, devotionals, and service projects.

Collect feedback and track spiritual development within families.

Provide families with real-life ways to integrate godliness into their homes.

Step-by-Step Monthly Execution Plan

Each Expansion Bible Church should follow these structured steps to ensure the effectiveness of their assigned month.

Preparation Phase (Month Before)

Goal - Ensure readiness for the upcoming theme.

Leadership Meeting (First Sunday of the Previous Month)

The Expansion Bible Church leadership team meets with GCBCI program managers to discuss objectives.

Ensure sermon outlines, lesson plans, and engagement strategies are ready.

Content Finalization (Second Week of the Previous Month)

Confirm all teaching materials (sermon outlines, lesson plans, small group discussion guides, devotionals, and family challenges).

Ensure scripture references align with biblical principles and the wisdom of the Ancient African Church Fathers.

Congregational Awareness (Last Week of the Previous Month)

Announce the upcoming theme in church services and social media. Provide an overview of what families should expect and how they can participate.

Implementation Phase (Current Month)

Goal - Execute the plan with full participation from the congregation.

Week 1: Church-Wide Launch and Introduction

Sunday Sermon. Introduce the theme of the month with a biblically rooted message focused on application.

Begin discussions based on the sermon and provide family devotionals. Share weekly scripture verses, reflections, and engagement videos on social media.

Week 2: Family Challenges and Discipleship

Families apply the week's lesson through guided devotionals.

Church-Wide Prayer Meeting. Focus on the month's theme and intercede for family spiritual growth.

Interactive lessons to reinforce godliness in young believers.

Week 3: Community Engagement and Service

Practical Application Challenge: Each family is encouraged to take action, such as:

Fathers leading family prayer and Bible study.

Families witnessing to neighbors or coworkers.

Organizing a family night focused on godly principles.

Church-Wide Service Project: Aligning with the theme (e.g., Hospitality Month = hosting a community meal).

Week 4: Reflection and Growth Evaluation

Family Check-in - Each household reflects on what they've learned and how they've applied it.

Small Group Recap - Testimonies and shared experiences from the month.

Milestone Evaluation - Expansion Bible Church Team compiles data on participation, challenges, and impact.

Follow-Up and Reporting Phase (Month After)

Goal - Assess progress and ensure sustained growth.

Leadership Reflection Meeting (First Week of Next Month)

Each Expansion Bible Church submits a progress report (spiritual impact, testimonies, challenges faced).

Evaluate the effectiveness of teaching methods and family engagement.

Adjust strategies for upcoming months based on feedback.

Share Lessons Learned and Best Practices

Publish key takeaways and testimonies for the GCBCI congregation.

Use insights to refine and improve future months' lessons.

Key Success Factors

Clear Communication – Families and church members should always know the focus of each month.

Full Congregational Involvement – Every household should be encouraged to participate in practical application.

Consistent Follow-Through – Expansion Bible Churches must remain diligent in evaluating progress and impact.

Holy Spirit-Led Implementation – Prayer, faith, and biblical alignment must guide all activities.

Each Expansion Bible Church is tasked with shepherding families in righteousness.

Let us embrace this vision, ensuring that every household within GCBCI becomes a beacon of godliness.

Promotion

Promotion, Engagement, and Incentives for Maximizing Participation

To ensure maximum participation, we must effectively promote, engage, and incentivize involvement from families both online and in person.

Promotion and Advertising Strategies

Goal: Ensure every family is aware, excited, and committed to the initiative.

Church-Wide Announcement and Branding

Vision Casting Sunday (February 2025)

A powerful sermon and video presentation introducing the five-year plan. Each family receives a family commitment card to pledge participation. Special prayers for families dedicating themselves to godliness.

Theme-Based Branding and Visuals

Develop a logo and tagline for the initiative. Example: "Godliness Starts at Home – A Five-Year Journey."

Use banners, posters, Tee Shirts, and signage inside the church and in community spaces.

Monthly themes displayed prominently in church bulletins and website banners.

Sermon Series and Integrated Messaging

Every month, sermons, small groups, and Bible studies align with the monthly theme.

Testimonies from families who have experienced transformation.

Social Media and Digital Engagement

Social Media Strategy (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, WhatsApp, Twitter/X)

Weekly posts featuring Scriptures, quotes, testimonies, and family challenges.

Monthly promo videos featuring pastoral encouragement and real-life family success stories.

Short reels and videos from pastors and families discussing the theme of the month.

Live Engagement and Virtual Sessions

Weekly livestreams with Q and A sessions, devotionals, and interactive discussions.

Family testimonies posted as video clips to encourage others.

Family Spotlight Feature – Highlight families practicing godliness each month.

Church Website and Mobile App

Dedicated "Practicing Godliness" page for lessons, devotionals, challenges, and updates.

Monthly downloadable Family Growth Workbook with challenges and reflections.

Online forms for family check-ins and milestone tracking.

WhatsApp and Email Groups

Monthly newsletters with focus points, prayer topics, and action steps.

Weekly check-ins via WhatsApp for encouragement and accountability.

Maximizing In-Person and Online Participation

Goal: Create multiple avenues for participation, ensuring accessibility for all members.

In-Person Engagement

Expansion Bible Church Involvement

Each Expansion Bible Church oversees a month and ensures full engagement.

Small groups and Bible studies emphasize the monthly theme.

Families actively participate in service projects related to the theme.

Church-Wide Family Nights (Quarterly)

Special fellowship nights with activities that reinforce the monthly theme.

Panel discussions and workshops with pastoral leaders on raising godly families.

Family Accountability Partners

Assign families to partner together for encouragement, prayer, and support.

Quarterly "Family Check-In Sundays" for testimony sharing.

Online and Virtual Engagement

Hybrid Participation Options

All lessons and devotionals accessible online for those unable to attend in person.

Live-streamed Bible studies and interactive discussions.

Online Family Discussion Forums where families share experiences and seek guidance.

Gamification and Digital Engagement

Families earn badges and milestones for participation (e.g., completing devotionals, service projects).

Leader boards for the most engaged families.

Virtual challenges with rewards (e.g., post a family devotional picture = featured on the website).

Incentives and Recognition

Goal: Encourage participation through meaningful incentives that reinforce godliness.

Recognition and Awards

Quarterly Recognition

"Family of the Quarter" Awards for families showing outstanding commitment.

Certificates for families completing monthly and yearly challenges.

Special mention in church services, website, and social media.

Annual Banquet and Celebration

A year-end Family Celebration Banquet recognizing faithfulness in the program.

Testimonies, awards, and a renewed commitment to godliness.

Milestone Awards

Each family receives a "Godly Family Commitment Certificate" upon program completion.

Special recognition for those who mentor other families in the journey.

Material and Spiritual Incentives

Family Devotional Kits

Families completing the first three months receive a free devotional book.

Bibles for families demonstrating commitment.

Small Group and Community Challenges

Monthly prizes for active small groups engaging in outreach and family growth.

Family service projects rewarded with church-wide recognition.

Spiritual Mentorship Opportunities

Experienced families mentor younger families and receive leadership recognition.

Prayer partnerships to build deeper relationships among families.

Final Encouragement

This initiative is not just about participation—it is about transformation.

General Introduction

Godliness is not a religious performance; it is a way of life. It is the active pursuit of God's righteousness in our daily interactions, decisions, and relationships—especially within our families. The home is the foundational place where faith is nurtured, character is shaped, and values are passed down.

This five-year initiative, *Practicing Godliness as a Family Priority (2025-2029)*, is not just another program—it is a call to transformation. It is a church-wide commitment to ensuring that every home under our spiritual care reflects the holiness and wisdom of God.

Each year will focus on a different aspect of godliness in the family:

Vision Prevents Chaos

Without clear direction, guidance, or revelation from God, people fall into disorder, confusion, and ultimately destruction. The word "perish" (KJV) or "cast off restraint" (ESV) suggests a state of lawlessness, lack of discipline, chaos, and moral decay when there is no guiding vision or divine instruction.

A godly vision provides direction, discipline, and purpose. Direction keeps individuals on track. Without it, people wander aimlessly. Discipline keeps individuals and families focused on righteousness. Without it there is no success. Purpose gives meaning and a clear path for living. Without it one gropes around in the dark.

In the context of *Practicing Godliness as a Family Priority (2025-2029)*, without a clear biblical vision for the family, chaos enters homes—resulting in broken relationships, moral confusion, and spiritual decline. When families commit to godliness, they gain stability, purpose, and spiritual health (Proverbs 29:18).

A family without a clear, God-centered vision is like a ship drifting without a compass. It may be moving, but it has no direction, and eventually, it will crash into the storms of life. Just as individuals need purpose, families

need a vision grounded in godliness to avoid confusion, dysfunction, and disorder.

When a household lacks a godly vision there is decline and chaos.

Without a guiding purpose there is spiritual drift, families prioritize temporary things (entertainment, careers, wealth) over eternal matters (faith, character, holiness).

Without biblical standards there is moral confusion, worldly values shape family decisions, leading to compromise.

When godliness is not prioritized there are broken relationships, strife, selfishness, and division take root.

Without intentional discipleship there is a lack of legacy, faith is not passed down to the next generation.

God never intended families to operate without vision. From the beginning, He designed the home to be a place of worship, discipleship, and mission.

To counteract the chaos that comes from a lack of vision, GCBCI's five-year mandate (2025-2029) provides a structured roadmap to help families.

2025: Establish a Biblical Foundation of Godliness in the Family. Understand God's design for the family through Scripture.

2026: Develop a Christ-Centered Family Culture. Create a household where faith is naturally lived out in daily life.

2027: Pass Down the Faith to the Next Generation. Train children and young adults in righteousness.

2028: Strengthen Family Integrity Through Godly Living. Align family decisions and relationships with biblical principles.

2029: Serve God Together as a Family. Engage in ministry as a household unit.

Each year builds upon the next, ensuring long-term transformation rather than short-term inspiration.

Throughout this journey, we will engage with monthly lessons, family devotionals, practical challenges, and church-wide initiatives to make these biblical principles a living reality in our homes. Additionally, milestone evaluations will help us assess our growth and ensure that transformation is taking place.

This initiative is more than a curriculum—it is a movement. It is a call to action. It is a challenge to every family member, from the youngest child to the eldest grandparent, to take ownership of their faith and commit to a life of godliness.

As we embark on this explosive journey together, we must recognize that godliness is not about perfection—it is about progress. The world may pull us in many directions, but we must stand firm, knowing that when a family is built on the foundation of God’s Word, it will not be shaken (Joshua 24:15).

Will Your Family Accept the Call to Godliness?

Godliness is not something that happens by accident—it is cultivated through deliberate, Spirit-led action. As a church, we can teach, encourage, and provide resources, but the true test of this initiative will be found in the daily choices each family makes.

This is a five-year challenge—a commitment to walk in godliness as a family, no matter the obstacles, circumstances, distractions, or difficulties that arise. Each month, we will study together and engage in practical steps to help integrate godliness into our homes.

We challenge every family.

Commit to a daily time of family devotion and prayer.

Evaluate household habits and align them with biblical values.

Encourage intergenerational discipleship—learning from elders and mentoring the younger generation.

Engage in monthly family challenges that strengthen faith, character, and relationships.

Serve together in ministry, demonstrating faith in action.

Some of these challenges may stretch you. Some may expose areas in your family that need healing. But through it all, God's grace will sustain you.

Will you accept the call?

Will you make godliness the priority in your home?

Will you take this five-year journey with us, believing that God can transform your family for His glory?

The choice is yours. Your family's legacy begins today.

Will You Lead Your Family with God's Vision?

This is more than a church program—it is a call to action. Every family takes responsibility for their spiritual direction.

Will you allow your home to be shaped by the culture, or by Christ?

Will you lead your children in righteousness, or let the world define their values?

Will you commit to a vision that glorifies God, or allow chaos to take root?

Commit to making godliness the priority in your home.

Participate in the monthly lessons and church-wide initiatives that support this vision.

Evaluate your family's progress through milestone assessments, ensuring that you are growing in Christ.

The future of your family depends on the vision you embrace today.

Let's pursue godliness together—because without a vision, families fall into chaos!

2025 Biblical Foundation of Godliness in the Family

The family is the first institution created by God and is meant to reflect His holiness (Genesis 2:24; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Joshua 24:15).

Learning Objectives

Understand God's design for the family as a place of spiritual growth and holiness.

Recognize the biblical roles of fathers, mothers, and children in practicing godliness.

Commit to making faith a daily priority in family life.

January

God's Design for the Family as a Holy Institution

Genesis 2:24 – The establishment of marriage

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 – Teaching God's Word in the home

Joshua 24:15 – A family's commitment to serving the Lord

Tertullian (c. 160-225 AD) taught that Christian homes should be places of sanctification, where children learn the faith organically.

Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-215 AD) encouraged parental discipline as a form of divine instruction, shaping children for godly lives.

God instituted the family as the foundation of human society, intended to reflect His holiness. The family must nurture faith and righteousness.

Parents must be intentional in disciplining their children.

Families should regularly engage in prayer and Scripture reading.

Cross-References (Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4; Psalm 78:4).

Study Questions and Answers

1. Why did God create the family?
 - a. God created the family to reflect His holiness and establish a foundation for faith. (Genesis 2:24; Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
2. What does Genesis 2:24 teach about marriage and family?
 - a. A man shall leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, becoming one flesh.
3. How is the family central to passing down God's commands?
 - a. Parents are responsible for teaching God's laws to their children. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
4. What does Joshua 24:15 say about family leadership?
 - a. Joshua declares that his household will serve the Lord, showing that family faith starts with leadership.
5. How does Psalm 127:1-3 emphasize God's role in family life?
 - a. It teaches that unless God builds the house, labor is in vain, and children are a reward from Him.
6. How does a godly family impact society?
 - a. It serves as a model of righteousness and trains future generations. (Proverbs 22:6)

7. What does Malachi 2:15 reveal about God's purpose for marriage?
 - a. He desires godly offspring from the union of a husband and wife.
8. What does Colossians 3:18-21 teach about family relationships?
 - a. Wives should submit to their husbands, husbands should love their wives, children should obey their parents, and fathers should not provoke their children.
9. Why must families be grounded in God's Word?
 - a. To withstand worldly influences and grow spiritually. (Psalm 119:9-11)
10. How can families actively glorify God?
 - a. By practicing prayer, studying Scripture, and living by faith. (Romans 12:1-2)

February

The Role of the Father as Spiritual Leader

Ephesians 6:4 – Fathers are to nurture children in godliness

1 Corinthians 11:3 – The headship of the father

Genesis 18:19 – Abraham’s role in instructing his household

Athanasius of Alexandria (c. 296-373 AD) stressed the father’s role in leading by example, not mere words.

Origen (c. 184-253 AD) taught that fathers should be the primary teachers of doctrine within the home.

Fathers are called to be spiritual heads, guiding their families in holiness and teaching God's commandments.

Fathers should lead family worship and Bible study.

Fathers must model humility and godliness.

Cross-References (Deuteronomy 6:1-2; Malachi 4:6; 1 Timothy 3:4-5).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What is the biblical responsibility of a father?
 - a. To lead his family spiritually and instruct them in God’s ways. (Ephesians 6:4)
2. What does 1 Corinthians 11:3 teach about the role of the father?
 - a. The father is the head of the household, as Christ is the head of the Church.
3. How did Abraham model fatherly leadership?
 - a. He commanded his family to follow the Lord. (Genesis 18:19)
4. What does Deuteronomy 6:7-9 instruct fathers to do?
 - a. Teach God’s commands diligently to their children.
5. How can a father bring up his children in the discipline of the Lord?
 - a. By setting a godly example, correcting in love, and teaching Scripture. (Proverbs 22:6)
6. What warning does Colossians 3:21 give fathers?
 - a. Fathers should not provoke their children, lest they become discouraged.
7. How does Job 1:5 show a father’s spiritual responsibility?
 - a. Job interceded for his children, offering sacrifices on their

behalf.

8. What does Proverbs 17:6 say about fatherhood?
 - a. Children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.
9. What should a father's leadership look like according to Ephesians 5:25?
 - a. Fathers should love their families sacrificially, as Christ loves the Church.
10. How can fathers strengthen their families spiritually?
 - a. By leading in prayer, studying Scripture, and living in righteousness. (Psalm 128:1-4)

March

The Role of the Mother in Nurturing Godliness

Proverbs 31:10-31 – The godly woman

2 Timothy 1:5 – Influence of a godly mother

Titus 2:3-5 – The role of women in teaching younger generations

Cyril of Alexandria (c. 376-444 AD) taught the role of godly mothers in shaping future church leaders.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) referenced his mother, Monica, as a model of Christian perseverance.

Mothers play a crucial role in forming the moral and spiritual character of children through instruction and example.

Mothers should disciple their children daily.

They must balance submission with spiritual leadership within the home.

Cross-References (Judges 13:8; Luke 1:46-55; Exodus 2:9-10).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What role does the Bible assign to mothers in the home?
 - a. Mothers nurture their children spiritually and morally. (Proverbs 31:10-31)
2. How does 2 Timothy 1:5 highlight the influence of a godly mother?
 - a. Paul credits Timothy's faith to his mother and grandmother.
3. What does Proverbs 31:26 say about a wise mother?
 - a. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
4. What does Titus 2:3-5 teach about the role of older women?
 - a. They should mentor younger women in godly living and home management.
5. How did Hannah demonstrate godly motherhood in 1 Samuel 1:27-28?
 - a. She dedicated her son Samuel to the Lord.
6. What example did Jochebed, the mother of Moses, set?
 - a. She protected and trusted God with her child's future. (Exodus 2:1-10)
7. How can mothers model godly character for their children?

- a. Through prayer, faith, and righteous living. (1 Peter 3:3-4)
8. What does Isaiah 49:15 reveal about a mother's love?
- a. A mother's love is deep, but God's love is even greater.
9. Why must mothers be diligent in training their children?
- a. To ensure they grow in wisdom and faith. (Proverbs 29:15)
10. What does Psalm 113:9 say about God's blessing on mothers?
- a. He grants children to the barren woman and makes her a joyful mother.

April

Children as Participants in God's Covenant

Psalm 127:3-5 – Children as a blessing

Ephesians 6:1-3 – Children honoring their parents

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 – Teaching children diligently

Tertullian urged Christian families to see children as disciples in training for the Kingdom.

Clement of Alexandria warned against indulging children without discipline.

Children must be taught God's commandments and understand their role in obeying and honoring parents.

Parents should actively train children in faith.

Children should be encouraged to memorize and apply Scripture.

Cross-References (Proverbs 1:8-9; Colossians 3:20; 2 Timothy 3:15).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What does Psalm 127:3-5 say about children?
 - a. They are a heritage and reward from the Lord.
2. Why is obedience important for children?
 - a. It pleases God and brings blessings. (Ephesians 6:1-3)
3. What does Deuteronomy 11:18-21 command parents to do?
 - a. Teach God's commands to their children diligently.
4. How does Colossians 3:20 emphasize obedience?
 - a. Children should obey their parents because it pleases the Lord.
5. Why is discipline important for children?
 - a. It corrects and leads them toward righteousness. (Proverbs 22:6)
6. How did Jesus view children in Matthew 19:14?
 - a. He welcomed them, saying the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.
7. What does Proverbs 1:8-9 say about listening to parents?
 - a. A father's instruction and a mother's teaching are valuable guidance.
8. How can children be examples of faith?

- a. By trusting God and living righteously. (1 Timothy 4:12)
9. What does 2 Timothy 3:15 teach about children and Scripture?
- a. From childhood, they should know the Holy Scriptures.
10. Why should children honor their parents?
- a. It leads to a long and blessed life. (Exodus 20:12)

May

Marriage as a Reflection of Christ and the Church

Ephesians 5:22-33 – The marriage relationship

Malachi 2:14-16 – Marriage as a covenant

1 Peter 3:7 – Husbands and wives honoring each other

Cyprian of Carthage (c. 200-258 AD) considered marriage a divine institution that must reflect holiness.

Christian marriage is designed to mirror Christ's love for the Church.

Husbands must love their wives sacrificially.

Wives should support and respect their husbands.

Cross-References (Genesis 2:18-25; Hebrews 13:4; Colossians 3:18-19)

Study Questions and Answers

1. How does marriage reflect Christ and the Church?
 - a. Husbands love their wives as Christ loves the Church. (Ephesians 5:22-33)
2. What does Malachi 2:14-16 teach about marriage?
 - a. It is a covenant before God and should be honored.
3. What does 1 Peter 3:7 instruct husbands to do?
 - a. Treat their wives with understanding and honor.
4. Why is unity important in marriage?
 - a. A house divided cannot stand. (Mark 3:25)
5. What does Proverbs 18:22 say about marriage?
 - a. He who finds a wife finds a good thing and receives favor from the Lord.
6. How should conflicts in marriage be handled biblically?
 - a. With love, patience, and forgiveness. (Colossians 3:13)
7. What does Hebrews 13:4 say about marriage?
 - a. It should be honored by all and kept pure.
8. Why is communication key in marriage?
 - a. It builds trust and understanding. (Ephesians 4:29)
9. How can couples grow spiritually together?
 - a. Through prayer, Bible study, and church involvement. (Matthew

18:19)

10. What does Ecclesiastes 4:12 say about godly marriages?
 - a. A threefold cord (husband, wife, and God) is not easily broken.

June

Prayer is the Foundation of a Godly Family

Philippians 4:6 – Pray about everything, giving thanks to God.

Matthew 18:19-20 – The power of agreement in prayer.

James 5:16 – The prayers of the righteous are effective.

Origen (c. 184-253 AD) emphasized that prayer must be central in every Christian household, stating that "the home should be a place where the incense of prayer rises continually to God."

Prayer is the foundation of a godly home because it aligns the family with God's will and provides strength to overcome spiritual and physical challenges.

Paul in Philippians 4:6 teaches believers to bring every concern to God in prayer rather than being anxious.

Matthew 18:19-20 emphasizes the power of corporate prayer within a household, ensuring that when a family unites in faith, God's presence is among them.

James 5:16 affirms that righteous prayer has great power and is effective in bringing transformation.

Families should develop a daily prayer habit, covering every area of life.

Parents must lead by example in demonstrating faith-filled prayers.

Teach children to pray for wisdom, protection, and guidance.

Engage in family intercession, praying for others in need.

Cross-References

Colossians 4:2 – Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – Pray without ceasing.

Luke 18:1 – Jesus taught that we should always pray and not lose heart.

Study Questions and Answers

1. Why is prayer essential in a Christian family?
 - a. Prayer invites God's presence, strengthens faith, and aligns the family with God's will. (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

2. What does Philippians 4:6 teach about prayer?
 - a. We should bring everything to God in prayer with thanksgiving rather than worrying.
3. How does Matthew 18:19-20 emphasize the power of family prayer?
 - a. Answer: When two or more agree in prayer, God's presence is among them.
4. What does James 5:16 say about the power of prayer?
 - a. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
5. How can families build a consistent prayer life?
 - a. By setting aside time for daily prayer and involving all family members. (Colossians 4:2)
6. How did Jesus model prayer for His disciples?
 - a. He often prayed alone and taught them the Lord's Prayer. (Luke 11:1-4)
7. What role do parents play in teaching children to pray?
 - a. Parents should lead by example and instruct their children in prayer. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
8. Why should families pray for one another?
 - a. To strengthen unity and bear one another's burdens. (Galatians 6:2)
9. How does 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 guide Christian families in prayer?
 - a. It teaches to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances.
10. What are some hindrances to effective family prayer?
 - a. Disunity, lack of faith, and distractions can weaken family prayer time. (Mark 11:25)

July

Teaching the Word of God in the Home

Psalm 119:105 – God's Word as a lamp and guide.

Deuteronomy 11:19 – Teach God's Word continually to children.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – All Scripture is profitable for teaching and equipping.

Athanasius of Alexandria (c. 296-373 AD) encouraged families to immerse themselves in Scripture, stating that “a home without Scripture is like a lamp without oil.”

The Word of God must be the foundation of family life. Psalm 119:105 describes Scripture as a light that provides direction.

Deuteronomy 11:19 commands parents to teach the law of God to their children diligently in daily activities.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 affirms that all Scripture is God-breathed and essential for spiritual maturity.

Families should have regular Bible study and Scripture memorization. Parents must apply biblical principles in parenting and discipline. Children should be taught to love and respect God's Word.

Cross-References

Joshua 1:8 – Meditate on God's Word day and night.

Proverbs 22:6 – Train up a child in the way he should go.

Colossians 3:16 – Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Study Questions and Answers

1. Why is it important for families to study the Bible together?
 - a. It builds a strong foundation of faith and helps children grow spiritually. (Deuteronomy 11:19; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. What does Psalm 119:105 say about the role of Scripture?
 - a. It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, guiding us in righteousness.
3. How should parents teach God's Word to their children?
 - a. By incorporating Scripture into daily conversations and life

- experiences. (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)
4. How does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 describe the purpose of Scripture?
 - a. It is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.
 5. Why should children memorize Scripture?
 - a. To hide God's Word in their hearts and resist sin. (Psalm 119:11)
 6. How did Jesus use Scripture in His life?
 - a. He quoted Scripture to resist temptation and teach truth. (Matthew 4:4-10)
 7. What benefits come from meditating on Scripture daily?
 - a. Spiritual growth, wisdom, and strength in trials. (Joshua 1:8)
 8. How can families make Bible study engaging?
 - a. By using discussions, storytelling, and real-life applications. (Colossians 3:16)
 9. What is the danger of neglecting the study of God's Word in the home?
 - a. Spiritual immaturity and vulnerability to false teachings. (Hosea 4:6)
 10. How can children influence their peers through Scripture?
 - a. By living out God's commands and sharing His truth. (1 Timothy 4:12)

August

The Family as a Witness to the World

Matthew 5:14-16 – Let your light shine before men.

Acts 16:31-34 – Salvation spreads through families.

1 Peter 2:12 – Live honorably among unbelievers.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) taught that Christian homes must serve as “small churches” that radiate holiness to the world.

Christian families are meant to reflect God’s light in a dark world.

Matthew 5:14-16 teaches that believers must shine through righteous living.

Acts 16:31-34 illustrates how faith within one family can influence an entire household.

1 Peter 2:12 instructs Christians to live honorably, leading others to glorify God.

Families should model Christlike behavior in their communities.

Hospitality and acts of kindness should be a witness to unbelievers.

Parents must train children to be unashamed of their faith in public.

Cross-References

John 13:35 – By this, all will know you are My disciples.

Titus 2:7-8 – Show integrity in all your actions.

Romans 12:2 – Do not conform to the world.

Study Questions and Answers

1. How does Matthew 5:14-16 describe the role of believers in the world?
 - a. As the light of the world, shining for others to see and glorify God.
2. Why is it important for families to reflect Christ in their daily lives?
 - a. Their example can lead others to faith. (1 Peter 2:12)
3. How did the Philippian jailer’s family come to Christ in Acts 16:31-34?
 - a. Through Paul and Silas’ witness, the whole household believed and was baptized.

4. What does it mean for a family to be a beacon of righteousness?
 - a. Living in a way that points others to Christ. (Titus 2:7-8)
5. Why is unity in the family important for a strong witness?
 - a. A loving, godly home testifies of Christ's love. (John 13:35)
6. How can families minister to their neighbors?
 - a. Through hospitality, kindness, and sharing the Gospel. (Romans 12:13)
7. What happens when a family lives contrary to God's commands?
 - a. They damage their witness and dishonor Christ. (Romans 2:24)
8. How can children be a witness in their schools and communities?
 - a. By their conduct, speech, and faith. (1 Timothy 4:12)
9. What does Colossians 3:23-24 teach about family work ethics?
 - a. Everything should be done heartily for the Lord, not for men.
10. How should a family respond to opposition to their faith?
 - a. With love, patience, and steadfastness. (Matthew 5:44)

September

Overcoming Spiritual Attacks on the Family

Ephesians 6:10-18 – Spiritual armor against the enemy.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 – Spiritual weapons for strongholds.

1 Peter 5:8-9 – Be alert against the devil's schemes.

Tertullian (c. 160-225 AD) warned against demonic influences in the home and taught that prayer and Scripture are the strongest weapons.

The Christian family is under constant attack from the enemy.

Ephesians 6:10-18 describes spiritual armor for defense.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 shows that believers fight with spiritual weapons.

1 Peter 5:8-9 warns of Satan's schemes and urges resistance in faith.

Daily prayer and Scripture should be a habit in the home.

Families must reject ungodly influences and practice discernment.

Teach children to resist temptation and stand firm in faith.

Cross-References

James 4:7 – Resist the devil, and he will flee.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 – The Lord strengthens and protects.

Psalms 91:1-2 – God is our refuge and fortress.

Study Questions and Answers

1. What does Ephesians 6:10-18 teach about spiritual warfare?
 - a. We must put on the full armor of God to stand against the enemy.
2. Why is prayer important in spiritual battles?
 - a. It strengthens our faith and invites God's protection. (James 4:7)
3. What is the role of the Word of God in overcoming spiritual attacks?
 - a. It is the sword of the Spirit, used to defeat lies. (Hebrews 4:12)
4. How does the enemy attack families?
 - a. Through division, temptation, and deception. (1 Peter 5:8)
5. How can parents protect their children spiritually?
 - a. By teaching them truth and leading in prayer. (Proverbs 22:6)

6. What does 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 say about spiritual strongholds?
 - a. They must be demolished with divine power.
7. Why must families stand firm in faith during trials?
 - a. To grow spiritually and glorify God. (Romans 5:3-5)
8. How can Christian music and worship be a defense against attacks?
 - a. It keeps the focus on God and strengthens the spirit. (Psalm 22:3)
9. How did Jesus resist the devil's attacks?
 - a. By quoting Scripture and standing firm. (Matthew 4:1-11)
10. What should a family do if they recognize spiritual oppression?
 - a. Pray, fast, and seek biblical counsel. (Mark 9:29)

October

Financial Stewardship in the Family

Proverbs 22:7 – The borrower is slave to the lender.

Malachi 3:10 – Faithfulness in tithes and offerings.

1 Timothy 6:10 – The love of money is the root of all evil.

Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-215 AD) encouraged wise and godly use of wealth, teaching that material blessings must be used for God's purposes.

Biblical financial stewardship requires faithfulness, contentment, and generosity.

Families should live within their means and avoid debt.

Parents should teach children the value of hard work and giving.

Money must be used for kingdom purposes.

Cross-References

Luke 16:10 – Faithfulness in little leads to faithfulness in much.

Matthew 6:24 – You cannot serve both God and money.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 – God loves a cheerful giver.

Study Questions and Answers

1. Why is financial stewardship important in a Christian family?
 - a. Proper management of finances honors God and prevents financial bondage. (Proverbs 22:7)
2. What does Proverbs 22:7 teach about debt?
 - a. The borrower is a slave to the lender, warning against unnecessary debt.
3. What does Malachi 3:10 teach about giving?
 - a. God blesses those who faithfully bring their tithes and offerings.
4. Why does 1 Timothy 6:10 warn about the love of money?
 - a. Loving money leads to sin and destruction.
5. How should a family honor God with their finances?
 - a. By tithing, saving, and spending wisely. (Luke 16:10)
6. What does Jesus teach about material possessions?
 - a. We should seek God's kingdom first, and He will provide.

(Matthew 6:33)

7. How can parents teach financial wisdom to their children?
 - a. Through biblical teaching and practical financial training. (Proverbs 13:11)
8. What should a Christian family do if they struggle financially?
 - a. Trust in God, practice good stewardship, and seek wise counsel. (Philippians 4:19)
9. What is the purpose of generosity in financial stewardship?
 - a. To bless others and reflect God's character. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
10. How can wealth become a spiritual danger?
 - a. When it leads to pride, greed, or neglect of God. (Matthew 19:24)

November

Hospitality and Generosity in the Christian Home

Hebrews 13:2 – Entertaining strangers.

Romans 12:13 – Sharing with those in need.

Acts 2:44-45 – The early Church’s generosity.

Cyprian of Carthage (c. 200-258 AD) taught that generosity is a mark of true Christian living.

Practice open-hearted hospitality.

Encourage community support through the Church.

Cross-References

Proverbs 19:17 – Lending to the Lord.

Galatians 6:10 – Do good to all people.

Study Questions and Answers

1. Why is hospitality important in the Christian home?
 - a. It reflects God’s love and builds community. (Romans 12:13)
2. What does Hebrews 13:2 say about entertaining strangers?
 - a. Some have unknowingly entertained angels.
3. How did the early Church practice generosity?
 - a. They shared resources so no one was in need. (Acts 2:44-45)
4. What is the biblical attitude toward giving?
 - a. Give cheerfully, not reluctantly or under compulsion. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
5. How can families be hospitable even with limited resources?
 - a. Through kindness, shared meals, and acts of service. (Matthew 10:42)
6. What role does generosity play in spiritual growth?
 - a. It strengthens faith and obedience to God. (Proverbs 11:25)
7. How did Jesus model hospitality and generosity?
 - a. By feeding the hungry and welcoming sinners. (Matthew 14:13-21)
8. What does Galatians 6:10 teach about doing good to others?
 - a. We should do good to all, especially believers.

9. How can families encourage a culture of generosity in children?
 - a. By modeling and teaching the joy of giving. (Proverbs 22:9)
10. What does James 2:15-16 warn against?
 - a. Faith without action is dead—help those in need.

December

Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Psalm 78:6-7 – Teach future generations.

Proverbs 13:22 – A good man leaves an inheritance.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 – Finishing the race in faith.

Augustine taught that parents must leave a spiritual inheritance.

Parents must train children in righteousness.

Family testimonies should be preserved and shared.

Cross-References

Deuteronomy 6:7 – Teach children diligently.

Joshua 24:15 – A commitment to serve God.

Study Questions and Answers

1. What does it mean to leave a spiritual legacy?
 - a. Passing down faith and godly values to future generations. (Psalm 78:6-7)
2. How did Timothy benefit from a legacy of faith?
 - a. His grandmother and mother taught him Scripture. (2 Timothy 1:5)
3. What does Proverbs 13:22 say about inheritance?
 - a. A good man leaves an inheritance for his children.
4. Why is it important to teach children about God early?
 - a. So they may follow Him throughout their lives. (Proverbs 22:6)
5. What is the greatest inheritance parents can leave their children?
 - a. A foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
6. What does 2 Timothy 4:7-8 teach about finishing the race?
 - a. Believers should remain faithful to the end.
7. How can families actively build a legacy of faith?
 - a. By studying Scripture, serving, and modeling godliness. (Joshua 24:15)
8. What does Psalm 145:4 say about generations?
 - a. One generation should commend God's works to another.
9. How can children honor the legacy of faith in their family?

- a. By living out God's truth and teaching others. (Exodus 20:12)
10. Why should families focus on eternal rather than earthly legacies?
- a. Earthly things fade, but faith leads to eternal life. (Matthew 6:19-20)

2026 Developing a Christ-Centered Family Culture

A Christ-centered home must be rooted in love, prayer, and the Word of God (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Learning Objectives

Establish daily family prayer and Bible study habits.

Promote a culture of forgiveness, grace, and biblical discipline.

Encourage worship and service as a family unit.

To cultivate a Christ-centered family culture, these lessons must be interactive, Bible-focused, and application-driven.

Each lesson should guide daily devotion, prayer, and study.

Encourage discussions where children, parents, and elders share insights.

Use storytelling and historical accounts from the Ancient African Church Fathers to reinforce biblical truths.

Lessons should lead to ministry (e.g., acts of service, worship, or community engagement).

Members are encouraged to apply biblical principles and testify about their experiences.

Lesson Plan Overview (January - December 2026). Each month will focus on one critical aspect of building a Christ-centered family culture.

January

The Foundation of a Christ-Centered Home

Problem

What is the foundation of a Christ-Centered home?

Premise

The home is the cornerstone of society, and for a Christian family, it is meant to reflect Christ's presence, love, and authority.

Philosophy

Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 7:24-27; Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Psalm 127:1.

Principle

A home that places Christ at its center becomes a sanctuary where faith is nurtured, love abounds, and biblical principles guide daily life. Just as the early Church Fathers, including Tertullian (c. 155-220 AD), affirmed that a Christian household should function like a church, today's families must intentionally cultivate an environment where Christ reigns supreme.

Paul's letters emphasize three fundamental pillars of a Christ-centered home: love, prayer, and the Word of God.

Love as the Foundation – In Ephesians 5:25, Paul commands husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church. This sacrificial love reflects God's nature and promotes an atmosphere of unity and peace. Likewise, Colossians 3:16 instructs believers to let the Word of Christ dwell richly in them, teaching and admonishing one another with wisdom and gratitude. When love governs a home, conflicts are resolved in grace, and relationships flourish under the guidance of Scripture.

Prayer as a Lifeline – In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Paul exhorts believers to “pray without ceasing.” A home rooted in prayer invites divine intervention, sustains faith, and strengthens family bonds. Structured prayer times—whether in the morning, before meals, or before bedtime—anchor the household in God's presence. Families that pray together experience

greater resilience during trials, knowing God hears and answers their petitions.

God's Word as the Authority – Deuteronomy 6:6-7 commands parents to teach God's Word diligently to their children, discussing it daily. The household is the primary setting for spiritual instruction, shaping young hearts to follow Christ. A home where Scripture is read, memorized, and applied will develop individuals who stand firm in faith despite societal pressures.

Jesus vividly illustrates the importance of a strong foundation in Matthew 7:24-27, likening those who hear and obey His words to a wise man who builds his house on the rock. Storms will come—financial struggles, health crises, and relational conflicts—but a household firmly rooted in Christ will withstand every trial. Without Christ as the cornerstone, a family is vulnerable to collapse, much like a house built on shifting sand.

Joshua 24:15 echoes this call to commitment: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” This declaration is more than a statement of faith; it is a daily decision to honor God in every aspect of home life. Parents must set the example, prioritizing worship, study, and righteous living to lead their children toward a lasting relationship with God.

Psalms 127:1 reinforces this principle: “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” A home built on human effort alone will falter, but one established on Christ's teachings will thrive in every season.

Establish Daily Prayer and Devotion – Set aside specific family prayer and Bible reading times to create spiritual discipline.

Demonstrate Christ's Love in Relationships – Model forgiveness, patience, and kindness in interactions within the home.

Encourage Scripture Memorization and Application – Help children and adults integrate God's Word into daily decisions.

Commit to Church and Fellowship – Engage in regular worship and the

Christian community to reinforce faith beyond the home.

A Christ-centered home does not happen by chance—it is built through intentional love, unwavering prayer, and a firm commitment to God’s Word. Like Tertullian’s vision of a household that mirrors the Church, families today must cultivate an environment where Christ’s presence is unmistakable. By embracing biblical principles and prioritizing spiritual growth, a home becomes a beacon of faith, a refuge of love, and a testament to God’s unwavering guidance. The storms of life may rage, but a house built on the Rock will never fall.

Paul emphasizes the role of love, prayer, and God’s Word in the household (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Tertullian (c. 155-220 AD) stressed that a Christian home should be like a church, where Christ is the center.

A home built on Christ reflects His love, leadership, and wisdom.

Establish structured prayer and Bible study times.

A strong foundation prevents a house from collapsing (Matthew 7:24-27; Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Psalm 127:1).

Practice

Study Questions and Answers

1. Why is Christ the foundation of a Christian home? (Colossians 3:16)
 - a. He is the source of wisdom, love, and spiritual growth.
2. What role does prayer play in a Christian household? (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
 - a. It strengthens faith, unity, and divine guidance.
3. How should the Word of God dwell in a family? (Colossians 3:16)
 - a. Through regular teaching, singing, and practical application.
4. What does Ephesians 5:25 teach husbands about leadership?
 - a. Husbands must love sacrificially like Christ.
5. Why is Joshua 24:15 relevant to family culture?
 - a. It calls for households to commit to serving the Lord.
6. What happens when a home is not built on the Word? (Matthew 7:24-27)

- a. It becomes vulnerable to destruction.
- 7. Why is family worship important? (Psalm 127:1)
 - a. It acknowledges God as the builder and protector.
- 8. How does Deuteronomy 6:6-7 guide parents?
 - a. They must diligently teach God's commands.
- 9. Why must forgiveness be a part of family life? (Colossians 3:13)
 - a. It reflects Christ's love and maintains unity.
- 10. How can a family create a Christ-centered culture?
 - a. By prioritizing prayer, the Word, and service.

February

The Role of Fathers in Spiritual Leadership

Athanasius of Alexandria (c. 296-373 AD) taught that fathers must be the first pastors of their households. This idea aligns with the biblical vision of fatherhood as a role of spiritual leadership, nurturing, instruction, and correction in the faith. Fathers are divinely mandated to shape their children's spiritual and moral foundations, embodying the love, discipline, and wisdom of God.

Fathers are to nurture, instruct, and correct their children in Christ (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6; Malachi 4:6). Fathers have a divine responsibility to lead with wisdom and discipline. Set an example through prayer, teaching, and moral leadership. Like a shepherd guiding sheep, fathers must lead with care (John 10:11-14; Psalm 103:13; 1 Corinthians 11:3; Genesis 18:19).

Fathers are spiritual pastors of their homes (Ephesians 6:4). Paul instructs fathers to guide their children toward godliness without exasperating them. This requires a delicate balance of discipline and love, ensuring that correction is rooted in righteousness rather than harshness (Proverbs 22:6).

Fathers must actively teach biblical principles and establish a foundation of faith that will remain steadfast throughout their children's lives.

Athanasius argued that Christian fathers should embody the role of Christ as the shepherd of their families. In this pastoral role, a father does not merely provide for his children physically but also spiritually, leading them in truth and prayer.

The greatest teaching a father can offer is the example of a godly life. Children often emulate what they see rather than what they are told (Genesis 18:19).

Abraham's legacy was built upon his faithfulness in instructing his household. Fathers must embody Christlike character, demonstrating faith,

integrity, and devotion to God.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, provides a model for fathers (John 10:11-14).

A father's leadership is not about exerting power, but about sacrificial love. His role is to lead his family with wisdom and humility, prioritizing their spiritual well-being above all.

Paul teaches us that a father's leadership must be modeled after Christ's leadership of the Church. This is not about domination but about serving as a protector, guide, and intercessor for the family (1 Corinthians 11:3).

Just as a shepherd watches over his flock, a father must guide his family in spiritual truth. Psalm 103:13 illustrates this tenderness:

"As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him."

A father's authority is not a tool for oppression but a means of nurturing.

This is why Malachi 4:6 prophesies about the restoration of fatherhood:

"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers."

This verse highlights the significance of a father's role in reconciliation, restoration, and spiritual continuity. A home where a father leads in prayer, teaching, and moral discipline is a home where the next generation is prepared to carry the faith forward.

The consequences of neglecting spiritual leadership are grave. Scripture warns of the dangers when fathers fail in their divine duty. The priest Eli failed to discipline his sons, and as a result, they brought ruin upon Israel (1 Samuel 2:12-17, 3:13). His negligence led to God's judgment, demonstrating that failure in spiritual leadership has dire consequences.

Likewise, in Judges 2:10-12, after Joshua's generation, a new generation arose that did not know the Lord. Why? The fathers of Israel neglected their responsibility to pass down the faith. This underscores the urgency for fathers today to prioritize spiritual instruction.

Fathers have a holy responsibility to lead with wisdom, discipline, and love. They are shepherds in the home, called to model righteousness, guide their children in faith, and create a legacy of godliness. Like Athanasius of Alexandria taught, they must be the first pastors of their households.

Let every father rise to this calling, leading their families in prayer, teaching, and moral leadership, so that their children may walk in the ways of the Lord and not depart from them.

Study Questions and Answers

1. What is the biblical role of fathers? (Ephesians 6:4)
 - a. To nurture, instruct, and discipline in the Lord.
2. Why must fathers train their children? (Proverbs 22:6)
 - a. It shapes their lifelong spiritual journey.
3. What is the consequence of failing to lead? (Malachi 4:6)
 - a. It leads to generational disconnection from God.
4. How did Athanasius emphasize fatherhood?
 - a. He viewed fathers as spiritual shepherds.
5. What is the connection between fatherhood and leadership? (1 Corinthians 11:3)
 - a. A father models Christ's leadership.
6. How should discipline be carried out? (Hebrews 12:11)
 - a. With love and correction, not anger.
7. What example did Abraham set as a father? (Genesis 18:19)
 - a. He commanded his household to follow God.
8. How does Psalm 103:13 describe God's fatherhood?
 - a. As compassionate and loving.
9. Why must fathers prioritize family worship? (Joshua 24:15)
 - a. It establishes faith as the foundation.
10. What happens when a father leads spiritually?
 - a. The home is strengthened in Christ.

March

The Virtuous Woman and Motherhood

Origen of Alexandria (c. 184-253 AD) taught that a godly woman is the heart of the home.

A godly woman manages her household with wisdom, dignity, and love (Proverbs 31:10-31; Titus 2:3-5).

She reflects Christ's character in service, industry, and faith.

Women should embrace biblical motherhood and mentorship.

A tree bearing good fruit represents a godly woman's influence (Psalm 1:3; 1 Timothy 2:15; Ruth 3:11; Luke 1:45).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What are the qualities of a virtuous woman? (Proverbs 31:10-31)
 - a. She is wise, hardworking, and God-fearing.
2. Why does the Bible call a wife a "crown" to her husband? (Proverbs 12:4)
 - a. She brings honor to him.
3. What role does a mother play? (Titus 2:3-5)
 - a. Teaching and modeling godliness.
4. How did Origen describe a godly woman?
 - a. As the heart and light of the home.
5. Why does Luke 1:45 praise Mary?
 - a. She believed in God's promise.
6. How does Ruth exemplify a virtuous woman? (Ruth 3:11)
 - a. She was faithful and industrious.
7. What happens when a woman leads in righteousness? (Judges 4:4-5)
 - a. She brings justice and wisdom.
8. Why does 1 Timothy 2:15 mention motherhood?
 - a. It is a God-ordained calling.
9. What kind of influence should a godly woman have? (2 Timothy 1:5)
 - a. A legacy of faith.
10. How can women cultivate a godly household?
 - a. By prioritizing prayer, wisdom, and love.

April

Biblical Obedience - Walking in God's Ways

Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-215 AD) taught that obedience to God is a sign of true wisdom and devotion.

The Bible teaches that obedience leads to blessing, and disobedience results in consequences (Deuteronomy 28:1-2; John 14:15; James 1:22-25).

True faith is demonstrated by walking in God's commandments.

Families should prioritize obedience to Scripture in daily decisions.

Just as a soldier follows orders for victory, believers obey God for spiritual success (1 Samuel 15:22; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 119:105).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What does Deuteronomy 28:1-2 teach about obedience?
 - a. Obedience brings God's blessings.
2. Why does Jesus say, "If you love Me, keep My commandments"? (John 14:15)
 - a. Love for Christ is shown through obedience.
3. What does James 1:22 warn against?
 - a. Being hearers of the Word without action.
4. How did Clement of Alexandria define true wisdom?
 - a. As obedience to God's instruction.
5. Why did Saul lose his kingdom? (1 Samuel 15:22)
 - a. He disobeyed God.
6. What does Proverbs 3:5-6 teach about trusting God?
 - a. Trusting God requires surrender and obedience.
7. What happens when we obey God's Word? (Psalm 119:105)
 - a. It gives us direction.
8. Why does God desire obedience more than sacrifice? (1 Samuel 15:22)
 - a. Because it reflects the heart's devotion.
9. How can families encourage obedience?
 - a. By modeling and reinforcing biblical values.
10. What blessings come from obedience?
 - a. Peace, protection, and provision from God.

May

Discipleship in the Home

Cyprian of Carthage (c. 200-258 AD) taught that discipleship begins at home and extends outward.

Parents are called to train their children in the faith (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:2; Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

Families should make disciples by teaching, modeling, and mentoring. Establish intentional discipleship practices in the home.

Just as a farmer nurtures crops for growth, families nurture faith in their children (Psalm 78:4; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What is the Great Commission? (Matthew 28:19-20)
 - a. Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations.
2. What does Deuteronomy 6:6-7 instruct parents to do?
 - a. Teach God's commands diligently to their children.
3. How did Cyprian of Carthage view discipleship?
 - a. As something that must begin in the home.
4. Why is mentorship important in discipleship? (2 Timothy 2:2)
 - a. It ensures the faith is passed down.
5. What does Psalm 78:4 say about teaching the next generation?
 - a. Families should not hide God's works but declare them.
6. Why should parents train their children in the Lord? (Proverbs 22:6)
 - a. So they will not depart from it.
7. What is the role of fathers in discipleship? (Ephesians 6:4)
 - a. To bring up children in the training of the Lord.
8. How can children participate in discipleship?
 - a. By learning and sharing the gospel.
9. Why is consistency important in discipleship?
 - a. It ensures long-term faithfulness.
10. How can discipleship impact future generations?
 - a. By creating a legacy of faith.

June

Biblical Manhood - Leading with Integrity

Tertullian taught that biblical manhood requires courage, faithfulness, and moral strength.

A biblical man leads in righteousness and sets an example for others (1 Corinthians 16:13-14; Psalm 1:1-3; Titus 2:6-8).

A godly man reflects Christ through his character and actions.

Encourage men to lead with integrity and strength.

Like a sturdy tree planted by water, a godly man remains firm in faith (Proverbs 27:17; Ephesians 5:25; Micah 6:8).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What does 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 teach about manhood?
 - a. Be watchful, stand firm, and act in love.
2. Why does Psalm 1 describe a godly man as a tree?
 - a. He is rooted in God's Word and prospers.
3. How did Tertullian define biblical manhood?
 - a. As courage and faithfulness in Christ.
4. What does Proverbs 27:17 teach about friendships?
 - a. Iron sharpens iron, so men should strengthen one another.
5. How should men lead their families? (Ephesians 5:25)
 - a. By loving their wives as Christ loved the Church.
6. What does Micah 6:8 say about a godly man's character?
 - a. He should act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.
7. How can men develop godly integrity?
 - a. By living according to God's Word.
8. Why is self-control important for men? (Titus 2:6-8)
 - a. It reflects sound doctrine.
9. How does a man's leadership impact his household?
 - a. It sets the spiritual tone for his family.
10. What does it mean to lead with strength and love?
 - a. To be both courageous and compassionate.

July

Servanthood - Humility and Love in Action

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) taught that true greatness comes through humility and service, stating, "Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility." Jesus taught that the greatest among us must be a servant, and He demonstrated this by washing His disciples' feet (Matthew 23:11; John 13:14-15; Philippians 2:3-5). True servanthood is modeled after Christ, requiring humility and selflessness.

Families should practice serving one another in love, prioritizing the needs of others.

Just as a lamp gives light to a room, a servant-hearted believer illuminates the lives of those around them (Mark 10:45; Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 5:5-6).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What does Matthew 23:11 teach about true greatness?
 - a. The greatest in God's kingdom is the servant.
2. Why did Jesus wash His disciples' feet? (John 13:14-15)
 - a. To demonstrate humility and servant leadership.
3. What attitude should believers have? (Philippians 2:3-5)
 - a. Humility and a willingness to serve.
4. What did Augustine say about humility?
 - a. That humility is the foundation of greatness.
5. How does Mark 10:45 describe Jesus' mission?
 - a. He came to serve and give His life for others.
6. Why is humility important in servanthood? (1 Peter 5:5-6)
 - a. It allows God to exalt us in due time.
7. How should we serve one another? (Galatians 5:13)
 - a. Through love.
8. What example do parents set when they serve?
 - a. They model Christ-like humility for their children.
9. How does servanthood impact a family?
 - a. It promotes love, peace, and unity.
10. How can we develop a servant's heart?
 - a. By practicing acts of kindness and putting others first.

August

Bearing One Another's Burdens

Athanasius of Alexandria (296-373 AD) taught that the Church is a community of believers supporting one another, saying, "As members of one body, we must bear each other's burdens with love and patience." Scripture calls believers to support and encourage each other in times of hardship (Galatians 6:2; Romans 12:10; Hebrews 10:24-25).

Interpretation: Carrying each other's burdens reflects Christ's love and strengthens the community.

Families should share in one another's struggles and joys.

Just as a bridge carries the weight of travelers, believers should help carry the weight of others' difficulties (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Philippians 2:4; 1 Corinthians 12:26).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What does Galatians 6:2 teach about burden-bearing?
 - a. It fulfills the law of Christ.
2. How should believers love one another? (Romans 12:10)
 - a. With brotherly affection.
3. Why is encouraging one another important? (Hebrews 10:24-25)
 - a. It strengthens faith and endurance.
4. What did Athanasius say about community support?
 - a. That believers must bear one another's burdens in love.
5. How does Philippians 2:4 define true concern?
 - a. Looking out for others' needs.
6. What does 1 Corinthians 12:26 say about unity?
 - a. When one member suffers, all suffer.
7. How can families practice burden-bearing?
 - a. By praying, listening, and helping in times of need.
8. Why is burden-bearing essential for discipleship?
 - a. It models Christ's love in action.
9. What are practical ways to support others?
 - a. Encouragement, service, and prayer.
10. What happens when we neglect this duty?
 - a. Isolation, discouragement, and disunity.

September

Persevering Through Trials

Tertullian wrote that trials refine faith, declaring, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church," emphasizing how suffering produces perseverance.

The Bible teaches that trials develop endurance and strengthen faith (James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 5:10; Romans 5:3-5).

Hardships, when faced with faith, produce spiritual growth.

Families should endure difficulties with trust in God.

Like gold refined in fire, faith is purified through trials (2 Corinthians 4:17; Isaiah 41:10; 2 Timothy 2:3).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What does James 1:2-4 say about trials?
 - a. They develop perseverance and maturity.
2. How does 1 Peter 5:10 describe suffering?
 - a. As a way God strengthens and restores us.
3. Why should believers rejoice in trials? (Romans 5:3-5)
 - a. Because suffering produces perseverance and hope.
4. What did Tertullian mean by his statement on suffering?
 - a. That trials strengthen and grow the Church.
5. How does 2 Corinthians 4:17 describe trials?
 - a. As temporary and producing eternal glory.
6. What does Isaiah 41:10 promise believers?
 - a. That God will strengthen and help them.
7. How can families endure trials together?
 - a. By praying and encouraging each other.
8. Why does 2 Timothy 2:3 compare trials to a soldier's endurance?
 - a. Because perseverance is needed in the faith.
9. What role does patience play in trials?
 - a. It refines character.
10. How does suffering draw believers closer to God?
 - a. It deepens dependence on Him.

October

Faith and Trust in God's Promises

Origen of Alexandria (c. 185-254 AD) taught that faith is not just believing but actively trusting in God's Word, stating, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for; it is not an idle belief but a conviction that moves one to action." He taught that faith is more than belief; it is trust in God's Word and action based on that trust.

Faith is essential to a relationship with God, providing stability and guidance in uncertain times. Faith is the foundation of our walk with God (Hebrews 11:1; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 40:31).

Trusting in God means surrendering to His will and resting in His promises. Trust in God leads to a confident and obedient life.

Families should cultivate a culture of unwavering faith in God's Word, even in adversity. Families should cultivate deep trust in God's promises.

Just as a lighthouse guides ships through storms, faith in God's promises provides direction and security in life's trials. Just as a bridge supports travelers, faith supports believers (Psalm 37:5; Romans 8:28; Mark 11:24; James 1:6).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What is faith according to Hebrews 11:1?
 - a. Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance of what we do not see.
2. How does Proverbs 3:5-6 instruct believers to trust God?
 - a. By not leaning on their own understanding but acknowledging Him in all ways.
3. What promise does Isaiah 40:31 give to those who trust in the Lord?
 - a. They will renew their strength and not grow weary.
4. What did Origen teach about faith?
 - a. That it is an active trust that compels action.
5. What does Psalm 37:5 say about committing our way to the Lord?
 - a. He will act on our behalf when we trust in Him.
6. How does Romans 8:28 assure believers in difficult times?
 - a. It promises that all things work together for good for those who love God.
7. What does Mark 11:24 teach about prayer and faith?

- a. That when we pray believing, we will receive.
8. Why is doubt harmful to faith? (James 1:6)
 - a. Because the doubter is like a wave of the sea, unstable in all ways.
9. How can families grow in faith together?
 - a. Through Bible study, prayer, and sharing testimonies.
10. What practical steps can help develop trust in God's promises?
 - a. Meditating on Scripture, surrendering worries to God, and recalling past faithfulness.

November

The Power of Worship in the Home

Cyril of Alexandria (c. 376-444 AD) emphasized that worship must be in spirit and truth, stating, "True worship is not confined to a place but is the posture of the heart toward God."

Worship is more than singing—it is a lifestyle of honoring and glorifying God in all things (Psalm 150:6; Colossians 3:16; John 4:23-24).

A home centered on worship acknowledges God's presence daily.

Families should incorporate worship through prayer, song, and Scripture. Just as oxygen is essential for breathing, worship is vital for a spiritually healthy home (Ephesians 5:19-20; 1 Chronicles 16:29; Romans 12:1).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What does Psalm 150:6 command all living things to do?
 - a. Praise the Lord.
2. What does Colossians 3:16 teach about worship?
 - a. That worship includes singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.
3. What did Jesus say about worship in John 4:23-24?
 - a. That true worshipers worship in spirit and truth.
4. How did Cyril of Alexandria define true worship?
 - a. As a heart posture toward God, not just a location-based activity.
5. How should families express worship at home?
 - a. Through prayer, singing, and Scripture reading.
6. What does Ephesians 5:19-20 teach about musical worship?
 - a. It involves singing and making melody to the Lord.
7. Why is worship a sacrifice? (Romans 12:1)
 - a. Because it requires a lifestyle of surrender.
8. How does worship impact a family's spiritual health?
 - a. It brings peace, joy, and alignment with God's will.
9. What happens when a home neglects worship?
 - a. It becomes spiritually dry and distant from God.
10. How can families incorporate daily worship?
 - a. By setting aside time for prayer, song, and Scripture meditation.

December

The Ultimate Goal - Glorifying God in Family Life

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) taught that the ultimate purpose of human life is to glorify God, declaring, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

Everything we do should honor and reflect God's glory (1 Corinthians 10:31; Joshua 24:15; Colossians 3:17).

A Christ-centered family intentionally makes decisions that honor Him. Families should cultivate a lifestyle that glorifies God through words, actions, and relationships.

Just as a lighthouse guides ships, a God-glorifying family influences others toward Christ (Matthew 5:16; Psalm 115:1; Romans 11:36).

Study Questions and Answers

1. What does 1 Corinthians 10:31 teach about everyday life?
 - a. Whatever we do should be for the glory of God.
2. What was Joshua's declaration in Joshua 24:15?
 - a. That his household would serve the Lord.
3. How does Colossians 3:17 define glorifying God?
 - a. By doing everything in the name of Jesus.
4. What did Augustine say about our ultimate purpose?
 - a. That we were made to glorify God and find rest in Him.
5. How should families glorify God in daily activities?
 - a. By making decisions that align with His will.
6. What does Matthew 5:16 say about shining our light?
 - a. That people may see our good works and glorify God.
7. Why is Psalm 115:1 important in understanding glory?
 - a. It reminds us that glory belongs to God, not us.
8. What does Romans 11:36 say about God's sovereignty?
 - a. That all things exist for His glory.
9. How can families maintain a God-glorifying focus?
 - a. Through prayer, accountability, and service.
10. What are the benefits of living to glorify God?
 - a. Peace, purpose, and eternal reward.

2027 Passing Down the Faith to the Next Generation

Faith must be intentionally taught and modeled for the next generation (Psalm 78:4; 2 Timothy 1:5; Proverbs 22:6).

Learning Objectives

Equip parents and grandparents to be active in discipleship.

Develop a mentorship culture between older and younger church members.

Ensure that biblical teaching is accessible for all ages.

2028 Strengthening Family Integrity Through Godly Living

Godly families must live with integrity in all aspects of life—spiritual, relational, financial, and ethical (Proverbs 11:3; Titus 2:7-8; Philippians 4:8).

Learning Objectives

Teach biblical principles of integrity and ethical living.

Apply godly character in finances, relationships, and work.

Build accountability structures within the church and family.

2029 Serving God Together as a Family

Families must be actively engaged in ministry, serving together in the church and the community (Mark 10:45; Galatians 5:13; Acts 16:31-34).

Learning Objectives

Encourage families to participate in local and global ministry.

Teach the value of hospitality, generosity, and outreach.

Provide opportunities for multigenerational service in church programs.