

SECRETS OF SUCCESSFUL FAMILIES
PART 1
ESTABLISH PROPER PRIORITIES

Secrets of Successful Families

There are only two spiritual families on the earth today. No more, no less. Both have fathers. One is the family of God with God the Father. The other is the devil.

Ephesians 3:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁵from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

God is a Father and He has a family. When we accept Jesus Christ and repent of our sin, we come into the family of God.

We all have a natural family.

We all have a spiritual family.

Many people do not realize that Jesus' family was messed up in many ways.

Mark 3:31–35 (NKJV)

³¹Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him.

³²And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You."

³³But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?"

³⁴And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!

³⁵For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

Jesus clearly taught that the family of God is family.

Jesus taught us that the family of God is family!

What are the secrets of successful families?

1. Successful families establish proper priorities for their family.

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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Matthew 22:36–39 (NKJV)

³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

³⁷Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

³⁸This is the first and great commandment.

³⁹And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Here are three things to remember about our priorities:

1). Priorities reveal our value system and indicate the value system we will pass on to our children.

Our priorities are our values.

The person who gives priority to God values God.

The person who gives priority to their spouse values their spouse.

The person who gives priority to their children values their children.

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

James 1:25 (NKJV)

²⁵But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

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Proverbs 10:22 (NKJV)

²²The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

2). Right priorities promote health and growth in vital areas. Wrong priorities prohibit growth and health.

3). Three non-negotiable priorities are God, family, and church.

God

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

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Family

Ephesians 5:25 (NKJV)

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Ephesians 5:33 (NKJV)

³³Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 5:33 (AMP)

³³However, let each man of you [without exception] love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self; and let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband [that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly].

Church

Acts 4:23 (NKJV)

²³And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.