



FAMILY STRONG – Father’s Day - “Four Traits of Extremely Strong Families”

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCE – Ephesians 5:21-33

SERMON SUMMARY TWEET

- Strong families create strong cultures.

ACROSS THE BOARD APPLICATION

- Biblical principles of marriage cross over to all family settings.
- Married/single, children/no children, two parent homes/single parent homes, etc.

FAMILY CULTURE

Promote

- * Wow
- * Open
- * Outward
- * Admiration

Prevent

- * Ehhh
- * Closed
- * Inward
- * Criticism

PROMOTE OUTWARD, PREVENT INWARD

- Revelation 21:2 and Ephesians 5:27 present the church as a bride who has been made beautiful by her groom, Jesus.
- The higher you are on the totem pole the more you are expected to serve others.
- One narcissistic person in a group can contaminate the whole group.

PROMOTE ADMIRATION, PREVENT CRITICISM

- All people need both love and respect.
- One of the greatest expressions of respect is verbal admiration. Ephesians 4:29.
- Verbal admiration can provide immediate breakthrough.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Ice Breaker – Tell the group about your earthly father. What did he do for a living? What were some of his greatest attributes? What struggles do you think he had?
2. What kind of fatherly characteristics do you believe God displays?
3. Who is the servant in your family? How do they display this culture?
4. How can we teach younger generations to lean toward serving others rather than wanting others to serve them?
5. Can you think of a circumstance where an inward focus has been problematic to the home?
6. Can you think of a story where someone “high on the totem pole” in an organization was servant minded? What did that culture do for that organization?
7. Look carefully at Ephesians 5:33 and define love and respect. Which do you believe you need the most in a marriage/family/work environment?
8. Can you think of a story where verbal criticism has hurt an organization of people?
9. Describe a time when someone verbally admired you and what it made you feel like.
10. Read Ephesians 4:29 and tell how you could do this better.

