

FAMILY ESSENTIALS

Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.

⁴ *Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands.*

⁵ *How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them!*

Psalm 127:3-5 (NLT)

- **A parent's priority is to gradually transfer a child's DEPENDANCE away from them until it rests SOLELY ON GOD.**

FIVE BIBLICAL ESSENTIALS FOR THE FAMILY

1. AUTHENTIC faith.

"Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength."

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NLT)

Those who fear the LORD are secure; he will be a refuge for their children.

Proverbs 14:26 (NLT)

- ✓ **LIVE OUT your faith at home.**

2. INTENTIONAL habits.

And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸ Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NLT)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10:16 (NIV)

- ✓ **ENCOURAGE your children with words, time, and touch.**

3. ETERNAL purpose.

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

Acts 20:24 (NLT)

"Then choose today whom you will serve... But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

- ✓ **LEAD your family to serve God.**

4. RIGHT relationships.

"He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm."

Proverbs 13:20

(NASB)

- ✓ **Choose relationships WISELY.**

5. AMAZING grace.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

Ephesians 1:7