Concerning **AUTHORITIES** in our family...
1. We **love** and **obey** our Lord, Jesus Christ, with wholehearted devotion.
2. We **read** the Bible and **pray** to God every day with an open heart.
3. We **honor** and **obey** our parents in the Lord with a respectful attitude.
4. We listen to **correction** and accept discipline with a submissive spirit.

Concerning **RELATIONSHIPS** in our family...
5. We **love** one another, treating others with kindness, gentleness, and respect.
6. We **serve** one another, humbly thinking of the needs of others first.
7. We **encourage** one another, using only words that build up and bless others.
8. We **forgive** one another, covering an offense with love when wronged or hurt.

Concerning **POSSESSIONS** in our family...
9. We are **thankful** to God for what we have, whether it is a little or a lot.
10. We are **content** with what we have, not coveting what others have.
11. We are **generous** with what we have, sharing freely with others.
12. We take **care** of what we have, using it wisely and responsibly.

Concerning **WORK** in our family...
13. We are **diligent** to complete a task promptly and thoroughly when asked.
14. We take **initiative** to do all of our own work without needing to be told.
15. We work with a cooperative spirit, freely giving and receiving help.
16. We take personal responsibility to keep our home neat and clean at all times.

Concerning **ATTITUDES** in our family...
17. We choose to be joyful, even when we feel like complaining.
18. We choose to be peacemakers, even when we feel like arguing.
19. We choose to be patient, even when we feel like getting our own way.
20. We choose to be gracious, even when we don’t feel like it.

Concerning **CHOICES** in our family...
21. We do what we know is right, regardless what others do or say.
22. We ask before we act when we do not know what is right to do.
23. We exercise self-control at all times and in every kind of situation.
24. We always **tell the truth** and do not practice deceitfulness of any kind.
Training for the Way of Life

When my children were young, I wanted a tool to train them for God’s “path of life.” I wanted a way to reinforce that Old Testament picture, and to naturally combine devotion, discipleship, and discipline. That’s when I wrote Our 24 Family Ways.

The “Ways” are not rules or laws—they are simply the language of biblical family values. They are not meant to be rigidly enforced, but to be winsome words to teach biblical values for family life that will be easy for your children to remember and use.

Each Way includes a Scripture memory verse, character quality definition, an explanation of the Way, and five “just add Bible” family devotions (120 in all) using the Family Devotional ARTS outline (Ask, Read, Talk, Speak). There are also 25 professional illustrations, “story starter” paragraphs, practice pages, Bible memory cards (NIV, NASB, NKJV), and line art color-in pages for younger children. For younger children in your home, there’s the companion Kids Color-In Book that your child will delight in owning, coloring, and using to learn all the Ways.

Our 24 Family Ways is parent-directed, child-centered, and grace-based. It is the practical expression of the principles taught in my book Heartfelt Discipline ~ Following God’s Path of Life to the Heart of Your Child. If your children are in that critical 4-to-14 year-old age window, then Our 24 Family Ways is a devotional, discipleship, and discipline tool you will want to use to build up your children in the Lord.

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