



## Review

What remains from last week?

What did you try to implement this week? How did it go?

## Guiding Scriptures

### **Romans 12:1-2**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### **Philippians 4:8**

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

### **Col. 3:12-16**

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

## Teaching:

**"Family is about the forming of persons."** -Andy Crouch

Wisdom: Understanding that guides action. It's knowing, in a tremendously complex world, what the right thing to do is-what will be most honoring of our Creator and our fellow creatures.

Courage: The conviction and character to act in the face of difficulty.

### **Ordering our Loves:**



*“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up people to collect wood and don’t assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.”*

-Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

*“What does it look like to curate a household as a formative space to direct our desires? How can a home be a place to (re)calibrate our hearts? It means we should be concerned about the ethos of our households-the unspoken vibe carried in our daily rituals. Every household has a “hum” and that hum has a TUNE that is attuned to some end, some telos. We need to tune our homes, and thus our hearts, to sing his grace. That tuning requires intentionality with regard to the hum, the constant background noise generated by our routines and rhythms. That background noise is a kind of imaginative wallpaper that influences how we imagine the world, and it can either be a melody that reinforces God’s desires for his creation or it can (often intentionally) be a background tune that is dissonant with the Lord’s song. You could have Bible “inputs” every day and yet still have a household whose frantic rhythms are humming along with the consumerist myth of production and consumption. You might have bible verses on the wall in every room of the house and yet the unspoken rituals reinforce self-centeredness rather than sacrifice.”*

James K.A. Smith from You are what you love.

## Screen time

*“The longer she goes without knowing the drug-like buzz of connecting to peers digitally, the more internal resources she’ll build up for managing hard feelings and solving problems.”*

Untangled: Guiding Teenage Girls Through the Seven Transitions into Adulthood -Lisa Damour

*“In the American story, limits are bad. They get in the way of our freedom, which means we need to get rid of all limits to be happy. But in the story of God, limits are the way to the good life, even the way to happiness. We know this because Jesus took on the limits of being a man, disciplining himself into a life of sacrifice-why? So that we could be free from the ultimate limitation of sin and death. ‘It is freedom that Christ has set us free,’ Paul writes. True, biblical freedom comes through finding the right limitations-not getting rid of all limitations.”*

Habits of the Household by Justin Whitmel Earley



## Activity

### Bedroom:

- Waking
- Bedtime

### Living Room:

- Screen Time
- Conversation
- Play/Family Games

### Dining Room:

- Meal Times
- Hospitality

### Outside:

- Imagination
- Creation
- Work/Chores

### Notes:



## Reflections and Commitments

What commitment am I willing to make?

AND one more from this list...

- What price am I willing to pay?
- What is the promise I'm willing to make that constitutes a risk or major shift for me?
- What is the promise I am unwilling to make?
- What is the crossroads you face at this stage of the game?
- What is the story you keep telling about the problems of parenting?
- What is your contribution to the very thing you complain about?