

**Families That Work
Relationships that Work
Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17
2-27-22**

1. Spiritual forces.

Ephesians 6:12 – “...we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers... authorities... powers... and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

2. Worldly success.

Mark 4:19 – “(be careful of) the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth...the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.”

3. Selfish interests.

Philippians 2:4 – “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Nehemiah 4:14 – “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”

Families that really work:

I. Share a Godly Worldview.

1. Good.
2. Broken.
3. New.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 – “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come...and He gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

4. Perfect.

Matthew 5:6 – “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Matthew 5:13 – “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste...”

Matthew 5:14-16 – *"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

Matthew 6:19-21 – *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Matthew 6:33 – *"But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

Our goal is to raise kids who seek us less, seek God more, and see life with His eyes.

II. Have Fun Together.

1. Enjoy life together.
2. Reduce distractions.
3. Be continually present.

Ecclesiastes 8:15 (NLT) – *"So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink, and enjoy life. That way they will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives them under the sun."*

1 Timothy 6:17 – *"God generously gives us everything for our enjoyment."*

*** People will remember some of what I say and do, but they will treasure how I make them feel.**

Ecclesiastes 9:9 – *"Enjoy life with your wife whom you love..."*

John 15:11 (NLT) – *"I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!"*

III. Encourage maturity.

Luke 2:52 – *"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and favor with man."*

Growing Deeper This Week

1. Read Colossians 3:1-17.
2. If you have been raised with Christ and now are a follower of Christ, share when and how this happened.
3. How are you doing in setting your mind on the things that are above?
4. Why is it important that our families put on the following: Compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and forgiveness?
5. How does God's love "bind everything together" in daily life?
6. How are you doing in "letting the peace of Christ rule in your hearts"? (Notice the parallel between v. 15 and v. 16) What does this attribute of peace do for a family and a church?
7. Discuss what you will use from the message to better your walk with Christ and your family life.
8. Pray for someone.