



Jesus as Lord in Our Families

The Family – God's Order from the Beginning

- Matthew 19:4
- Genesis 1:28
- Proverbs 14:34
- The devil hates godly families
- The family today for many
 - Only an economic unit
 - A matter of convenience
 - A refilling station
 - Not a spiritual refuge or anchor for its members
 - “Quality, not quantity”

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- God gave His Son to purchase a family
 - Acts 20:28
 - 1 Timothy 3:15
- Many instructions to the church based on divinely-appointed family principles
 - Hebrews 13:1
 - 1 Peter 3:8
 - Hebrews 12:7
- The family a beautiful creation of God
 - Psalm 68:6
 - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
 - Psalm 127:1

Following Jesus as Lord in our families

- Give attention to God's word
 - The story of families following God's instruction is an old story
 - Consider Jesus' emphasis upon God's word:
 - Matthew 5:19
 - Matthew 12:3, 5; 19:4; 21-22: "have you not read?"
 - Matthew 4 – in temptation
 - Ephesians 6:4
 - Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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- Consider Jesus

- Mark 1:35

- Luke 6:12

- John 6:11; 11:42; 17:1

- Luke 22:41-44

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- Jesus prayed

- Early
 - Late
 - Often
 - All night
 - Before trials
 - In praise
 - In thanksgiving
 - For the benefit of others
 - For His own needs

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- Jesus taught us a model for prayer

- Matthew 6:9-13

- Praise

- Thanksgiving

- Supplication

- Intercession

- Not this:

- James 4:1-3

- But this:

- Philippians 4:6-7

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- **Teach and practice love**
 - Jesus our example in love
 - 1 John 4:7-10
 - Colossians 3:12-15
 - Proverbs 12:15
 - Proverbs 14:29
 - Aren't these things to be true in our physical families?
 - 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

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- ✓ Give attention to God's word
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- ✓ Teach and practice love
- **Teach and practice obedience**
 - Jesus our example in obedience:
 - Luke 2:49
 - John 5:30
 - Philippians 2:8
 - Hebrews 5:29
 - John 14:15
 - Love and obedience inseparably tied

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 - Proverbs 29:15
 - Remember Eli the priest?
 - 1 Samuel 2:12; 3:13
 - Deuteronomy 30:15

- Jesus is our example in
 - Devotion to the word of God
 - Prayer
 - Love
 - Obedience
- Godly families who follow Jesus' example will shine as lights in a dark world when they follow Jesus' example in
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