

CODE RED: Developing Your Family's Core Values

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REALITY: Families aren't what they _____ to be

DEFINITION: Core values are a set of beliefs that are _____ in the influence of how a person, or family, _____

WHY ARE CORE VALUES IMPORTANT

- They communicate what is really _____
- They provide a moral _____
- They provide continuity through _____
- They determine what a person will ultimately _____

BIBLICAL TRUTH: Unless a family's values are rooted in _____ principles, it is doomed to _____ !

*Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it ...
- Psalm 127:1 (NKJV)*

SIDE NOTE: Core values are _____ more than _____
- 1 Peter 5:3

SUGGESTED FAMILY CORE VALUES

- _____ - Deuteronomy 11:18-21
- _____ - Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:3-4
- _____ - Proverbs 20:7; 28:6
- _____ - Colossians 3:13
- _____ - Proverbs 12:25; 15:23
- _____ - Hebrews 13:4
- _____ - Leviticus 19:32; 1 Peter 2:17

FINAL THOUGHT: Whatever core values you determine for your family, they should be ones that help aid in developing _____ children
- Malachi 2:15

NEXT STEP

Take today's message as starting point for further study. This week read the Scriptures below and answer the questions that go along with each.

MONDAY

Read Hosea 8:7. How can you apply this verse to raising a family? What is the end result of consistently buying into the world's value system?

TUESDAY

Read Deuteronomy 11:18-21. Read this passage at least three times. Write down three principles for your family based on these verses.

WEDNESDAY

Read Joshua 24:14-15. What was Joshua's commitment? What allowed him to be so adamant about his commitment?

THURSDAY

Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What are the basic expectations for both the husband and the wife? How can "two" be joined into "one"?

FRIDAY

Read Ephesians 6:1-4. When is it allowed for children to stop honoring their parents? When was the last time you purposely honored your parents?

SATURDAY

What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read this week?

What does God want you to do as a result of this week's study?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

This week take some time to sit down with your family and discuss what the core values of your home currently are. Be brutally honest. Don't decide on what they should be, but what they are. Evaluate whether or not these are the foundational values that God would want for your family. After a few days of discussion, come up with what a list of core values for your family should look like. Write them out and post them on the refrigerator (or some other place) as a reminder. As parents commit to not only teaching these values but practicing them as well.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 1 - 7

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 127:1

