



Reaching, Growing, Sharing Christ

The F' Factors: Family Matters

Did you know that *family matters* to God? Not only your immediate family, but rather the entire unit of humanity is considered family. One the most important traits about our God is that **God is Relational** and God remains concerned about our **RELATIONSHIPS**. God is always concerned, how we choose to relate to each other and how we live out those relationships on earth. **The Christian Faith is based on Relationships** and the things that go into making our relationships healthy and pleasing to Christ. **1 Corinthians 12:12** *The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.* Do you ever stop to think that each person you know and even those you dislike or distrust is a part of your family? And to be perfectly honest, I do not agree with my family always, however they are still my family. And as we all know sometimes family do not behave as we wish. If you don't believe me, just ask God about yourself. However, family is still important, and sadly we are not always good family members either.



Family is a *divine gift* given to you, and it does not always mean your immediate family. As the scripture points out, Jesus Christ redefines the family unit by passing on the responsibility of his mother to his beloved friend John (Jn 19:26-27). The Source of the Family has always been a powerful witness to the world about Christ and his love for humanity. And to be perfectly honest, **Satan is attacking the family**. Satan is attacking, the nuclear family, the spiritual family, and the societal family. The adversary's strategies begin from the foundations of creation with our first family Adam and Eve. If you look around we can see the same strategies today, and how he attacks the nuclear family relationships, creating devices to divide and conquer, while setting up schemes to bring unbalance in the families order. The church family: creating a generational battle between the old and the young, the modern and tradition and finally a societal battle. When the family is attacked the members pay a tremendous price. Are you paying a price for the attack on family. Join the battle and take a stand with God as we fight the good fight of faith. It starts now.

1. **Make a Personal commitment to be a *Mature and Informed, Armed Christian***

The first key to being a mature, informed, and armed member of God's family is to make a personal commitment to love the Lord your *God with all your heart, soul, and might*. **Not just lip service but action**. Once the first commitment is made, there was a second step. **Live according to the word of God**. Get in the word of God and *allow scripture to challenge your faith*.

2. **Live opposite of the World.**

The world desires gratifying pleasures, things which are fast, now, and require no work or faithfulness. The works of the flesh are the things that the world loves, and they are: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, false testimony, coveting, drunkenness, and there are others.



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3. **Live by Instructions: A Christian Life is a life of Instructions.**

The Bible is our instruction book for how to live on this earth. If we fail to follow its instructions and apply them to our lives we will Always Live in Defeat as Victim rather than Victorious.

4. **Beware of Enticing Practices of Worship and Enticing Doctrines (Feel GOOD Doctrines):** I have noticed a lot of Christians rejecting the true teaching of the Word of God. They seem to want things that are pleasant to their ears. They want things that aren't "too convicting, but just enough so we can feel good."

For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold, and will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE A PART OF THE F' FACTOR.

Until next time,
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