



# Family Evangelism

## *Introduction:*

1. There are many means to evangelize our communities and neighborhoods.
2. One of these avenues to reach our surrounding world is through our families.

## **I. The Bible Emphasizes Family**

- A. The family is of divine creation (Genesis 1:27, 28)
- B. The husband and wife are given principles for marriage:
  1. Rendering of affection (1 Corinthians 7:3)
  2. Submission (Ephesians 5:22)
  3. Love (Ephesians 5:25)
  4. Honor (Hebrews 13:4)
- C. The parents and children are given principles for a family:
  1. Obedience of the children (Ephesians 6:1-3)
  2. Honor of parents (Hebrews 12:9)
  3. Nourishment of children (1 Samuel 1:22)
  4. Training of children (Ephesians 6:4)

## **II. Devotion of the Family**

- A. Families need God!
- B. God has always wanted the families to put him first (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).
  1. Joshua and his family choose God (Joshua 24:15).
  2. The first choice for the devotion of the family is the choice of God (Matthew 6:33).
- C. God has given principles to families as seen above.
- D. "The family that prays together stays together."

## **III. The Evangelism of the Family**

- A. Our families shine as lights in the world (Matthew 5:14-16).
  1. We shine in the midst of a crooked generation (Philippians 2:15).
- B. Do our friends see our families and their spiritual journey?
  1. Do they see us seeking first? (Matthew 6:33)
  2. Do they see us study? (1 Timothy 2:15)
  3. Do they know we care? (Matthew 22:37-39)
    - a. "People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care."
- C. Our homes need to be open to the gospel.
  1. "And daily in the temple, and **in every house**, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ." (Acts 5:42, emphasis mine)

## *Conclusion:*

1. The family has done much for the gospel and will continue if the family seeks God first.
2. In living our lives as individuals and as families, we constantly spread the gospel.