

# **The Family of God!**

*Church? Why Belong? Why Bother?*

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which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.”  
1 Timothy 3:15 ESV*

**A Health of Local Church is a \_\_\_\_\_ !**

## **I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Family**

### **-God \_\_\_\_\_ the Family**

*“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him... Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”*  
Genesis 2:18, 24 ESV

### **-God’s Plan Builds on \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.””*  
Genesis 12:1–3 ESV

### **-God’s \_\_\_\_\_ are Family Focused**

*“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”*  
Exodus 20:12 ESV

### **-God’s Plan Builds on \_\_\_\_\_**

*“I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”*  
*“that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;”*  
Psalm 78:2–4, 6–7 ESV

### **-God’s \_\_\_\_\_ Came from a Family**

*“Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.”*  
Matthew 1:18 ESV

### **-God \_\_\_\_\_ with Family Roles**

*“that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”*  
1 John 1:3 ESV

### **-God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is God’s Family on Earth**

*“So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family.”*  
Ephesians 2:19 NLT

**Everywhere we look in the Bible we are reminded of the importance of Our Local Church!**

## II. \_\_\_\_\_ on Being A Spiritual Church Family

- A Healthy Family Always Make Family a \_\_\_\_\_

*“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”* Galatians 6:10 ESV

**We Strive to Make \_\_\_\_\_ a Priority.**

- A Healthy Family Takes Care of \_\_\_\_\_

*“Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”*

Matthew 25:37–40 ESV

(Reference: “Brothers” Mathew 28:10; John 20:17; Romans 9:28; Hebrews 2:11)

**We Strive to Excel at \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A Healthy Family can be \_\_\_\_\_

*“And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.”* Acts 15:39–40 ESV

(Also: Philippians 4:2-3)

**We Strive for \_\_\_\_\_, not Conflict Avoidance.**

-A Healthy Family \_\_\_\_\_ Each Other

*“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”*

Ephesians 4:15–16 ESV

(Also: 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

**We Strive for Grow by \_\_\_\_\_ in Relationships.**

-A Healthy Family is a Place of \_\_\_\_\_

*“not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”* Hebrews 10:25 ESV

*“And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:14 ESV

**We Strive to \_\_\_\_\_ into Each Other.**

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