

**Title: Taking Stock of my Family Life**  
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“There are no praises and no blessings for those who are ashamed of their families.” - Jewish proverb

“None but a mule denies his family.” - Moroccan proverb

“Loving relationships are a family’s best protection against the challenges of the world.” - Bernie Wiebe

## 1. Dependence upon God

### Psalm 127:1

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

## 2. Love for God

### Deuteronomy 6:5

<sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

## 3. Love between husband and wife

### Ephesians 5:25

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

## 4. Divine order

### Ephesians 5:22-24

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup> Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

### Ephesians 6:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," which is the first commandment with promise: <sup>3</sup> "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH."

### I Timothy 5:8

<sup>8</sup> But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

## 5. Godly instruction

### Deuteronomy 6:6-7

<sup>6</sup> And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

## 6. Unity

### Luke 11:17

<sup>17</sup> But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house *divided* against a house falls.

## 7. Faithfulness towards God

### Proverbs 3:33

<sup>33</sup> The curse of the LORD *is* on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the home of the just.

### Joshua 24:15

<sup>15</sup> And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

## 8. Good communication

### Mark 5:19-20

<sup>19</sup> However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." <sup>20</sup> And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

## 9. Discipline

### Hebrews 12:9-10

<sup>9</sup> Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness.

## 10. Witnesses

### Isaiah 8:18 (Good News Bible)

<sup>18</sup> I am with the children the Lord has given me. The Lord Almighty, whose throne is on Mount Zion, has sent us as living messages to the people of Israel.

## 11. Obedience

### Deuteronomy 4:40

<sup>40</sup> You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time.

## 12. Promises

### a) Divine protection

#### Exodus 12:22-23

<sup>22</sup> And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. <sup>23</sup> For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike *you*.

### b) Salvation

#### Acts 16:31

<sup>31</sup> So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

### c) Happiness, blessing, peace and contentment

#### Psalms 128:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways. <sup>2</sup> When you eat the labor of your hands, You *shall be* happy, and *it shall be* well with you. <sup>3</sup> Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your

table. <sup>4</sup> Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD. <sup>5</sup> The LORD bless you out of Zion, And may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life. <sup>6</sup> Yes, may you see your children's children. Peace *be* upon Israel!

**Challenge:**

In the process of stock taking is your stock sufficient?      HEALTHY?  
LOW?  
EMPTY ?