

*“As For Me And My House ...”*  
(Part 1)  
Joshua 24:14-15

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It is the dream of every Christian to have a godly family.

- Want that family to grow up in
- Want that in own family (may yet be future)
- Want that for their children & grandchildren

Not All Christians Have Godly Families

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Godly Family

- Begins with ... Preparation
  - Commitment to God. **Genesis 18:19; Luke 1:5-6**
  - Commitment to marriage. **Genesis 2:18ff; Matthew 19:3-9**
- Takes “*know how.*” cf. 1 Timothy 3:5
  - Man’s role.
  - Woman’s role.
  - Child’s role.
- Fruits of the godly family.

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*We all know of families that we think of as godly families.*

Faithful to The Lord

Great / Solid Marriage

Raise Their Children Well

An Example For Others To Follow

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“Godliness & Godly”

- 1. *eusebeia* NT:2150, from *eu*, "well," and *sebomai*, "to be devout," denotes that piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him.
- *theosebeia* NT:2317 denotes "the fear or reverence of God," from *theos*, "god," and *sebomai* (see No. 1)

**A Godly Family:**  
A family that is well devoted & pleasing to God  
cf. Titus 2:11-12

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**Godly Families Begin With The INDIVIDUALS In The Family**

*“Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in (all) holy living and godliness.”(2 Peter 3:11)*

“To put the world right in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our hearts right.”

— Confucius

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**Parents Fear God & Teach Their Children to Fear God**

- Awe of God. Jonah 1:9
- Afraid of displeasing. 1 Samuel 11:7; Genesis 39:8-9
- Do What God Says. Deuteronomy 13:1-4
- Dedicated. Deuteronomy 10:12,13,20
- Teach Children. Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 6:6-9

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**Emphasis Is On The Spiritual**  
*1 Peter 3*

- Fears & trusts in God. verses 2, 5
- Concern for husband's soul. verses 1-2
- Pure. verse 2
- Focus on inward not outward. verses 3-6
- Submits because of fear. verses 1-2, 6
- Concerned about hindrances. verse 7

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**Recognize That The Family Is ...  
Designed by God & Directed by God**

- God created the home. Genesis 2:18-25
- God directs the home. Proverbs 2:17
  - *God knows best.*
  - *Word is the standard. Deuteronomy 6:24*

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- Love.** Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:4; 1 Corinthians 13
- Kind / Gentle.** 1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 4:6
- Treat others the way he/she wants to be treated.** Matthew 7:12
- Each deny self.** Matthew 16:24

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<p><u>The Risk:</u></p> <p>Families fail due to lack of communication</p> <p>Marriage grows apart Never grow close</p> <p>Parents &amp; children Distant</p> <p>Lose touch &amp; Influence</p>	<p><u>The Reason:</u></p> <p>Any successful relationship – communication Colossians 4:6</p> <p>Must dwell with understanding 1 Peter 3:7</p> <p>One flesh Matthew 19:6</p>	<p><u>The Requirements:</u></p> <p>Talk Ephesians 5 &amp; 6 Listen James 1:19 Calm Proverbs 29:22 Reasonable Philippians 4:2</p>
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"Clamor" – Ephesians 4:31-32

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#### Husband

- Provide leadership & love. Ephesians 5:22-28; Colossians 3:19
- Lead with gentleness – Not drive 1 Peter 3:7
- Provide for his own house 1 Timothy 5:8; 1 Timothy 5:4-5,8; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12; Mark 7:8-13
- Teach children. Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Exodus 12:24-48; cf. Judges 2:10; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21
- Discipline. Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 29:15,17; Proverbs 23:13-14; 1 Samuel 3:11-14

### IV. Willingly Accept Roles

#### Wife

- Submits willingly to husband. 1 Peter 3:1-6; Titus 2:4-5; 1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:33; 1 Timothy 2:9-13
- Love husband & children. Titus 2:2-3
- Teach children. 2 Timothy 1:5
- Guide & keep the house 1 Timothy 5:14; Titus 2:5
- Is industrious. Proverbs 31:13-24

### IV. Willingly Accept Roles

#### Children

- Subjection. Colossians 3:20; Proverbs 6:20; Ephesians 6:1; Romans 1:30; 1 Timothy 3:1-5
- Learner. Proverbs 13:1; 15:5,10; cf. 1 Kings 12; Lamentations 3:27
- To give honor. Ephesians 6:2-3; 1 Timothy 5:4; Matthew 15:4-6

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