

Title: No place like home
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A. Natural & spiritual family

The Father's heart

Ephesians 3:14-15 NASB

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name

B: Living with family

Galatians 6:6-10

⁶ Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. ⁷Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

1: Giving and receiving

Learning to place value on the eternal

Matthew 6:21

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

2: Developing endurance – the capacity to bear up under great pressure

Hebrews 10:35-36

³⁵ Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise...

3: Priority stewardship – tithes, offerings, alms

Matthew 23:23

²³ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

Proverbs 3:9-10

⁹Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; ¹⁰So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

C: Heart of David

Love for the 'house'

Psalms 84:1-3, 10-12

¹How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! ²My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. ³Even the sparrow has found a home, and

the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young— even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

¹⁰For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. ¹²O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Love for the family – embracing every dimension

Philippians 2:1-2

¹Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ²fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

II Samuel 7:27-29 NIV

²⁷ O LORD Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to offer you this prayer. ²⁸ O Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your words are trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. ²⁹ Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue for ever in your sight; for you, O Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed for ever.