



Family Values

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Psalm 127:3, Don't you see that children are GOD's best gift? the fruit of the womb his generous legacy?

Deuteronomy 6: ¹ These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God (This is so that you'll live in deep reverence before GOD lifelong) as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you. ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates... ¹³ Fear the Lord your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. ¹⁴ Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you;

Proverbs 20:7, The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.

We value modesty—**1 Timothy 2:9-10**, *And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. 10 For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.*

We value what we watch—**Ephesians 5:15 (NIV)**, *Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise...*

We value what we say—**James 3 ¹⁻²** *Don't be in any rush to become a teacher, my friends. Teaching is highly responsible work. Teachers are held to the strictest*

standards. And none of us is perfectly qualified. We get it wrong nearly every time we open our mouths. If you could find someone whose speech was perfectly true, you'd have a perfect person, in perfect control of life.³⁻⁵ A bit in the mouth of a horse controls the whole horse. A small rudder on a huge ship in the hands of a skilled captain sets a course in the face of the strongest winds. **A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it!**⁵⁻⁶ It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.⁷⁻¹⁰ This is scary: You can tame a tiger, but you can't tame a tongue—it's never been done. The tongue runs wild, a wanton killer. With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image. Curses and blessings out of the same mouth!¹⁰⁻¹² My friends, this can't go on. A spring doesn't gush fresh water one day and brackish the next, does it? Apple trees don't bear strawberries, do they? Raspberry bushes don't bear apples, do they? You're not going to dip into a polluted mud hole and get a cup of clear, cool water, are you? out of the same well can't come blessing and cursing

We value who our friends are—Proverbs 13:20, *Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.*

Proverbs 22:6 (AMP), *Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

We value legacy...the legacy we have received and the legacy we are leaving to future generations.

Values + Traditions = Family Legacy

Family Legacy—Sending God's love into the future with intention, based on choices we make today. A definite blessing!

We value our heritage of faith—