

Family Worship

I. Introduction: Foundation for Biblical Child-rearing

II. Theological Foundation

- A. Intertrinitarian communion
- B. Covenantal fellowship with God
- C. The principle of representation

III. Duty

- A. Joshua 24:14-15
- B. Daily instruction in the Word of God
- C. Daily prayer to the throne of God
- D. Daily singing the praise of God

IV. Implementation

- A. Preparing for family worship
 - 1. What
 - 2. Where
 - 3. When
- B. During family worship
 - 1. Brevity
 - 2. Consistency
 - 3. Practical hints

a. For the reading of Scripture

b. For biblical instruction

c. For praying

d. For singing

C. After family worship

V. Objections

A. Our family has no time

B. Our family is too small

C. Our family is too diverse

D. Our family lacks leadership

VI. Motivations

A. The eternal welfare of the family members

B. The satisfaction of a good conscience

C. Assistance for child-rearing

D. The shortness of time

E. Love for God and His church

VII. Conclusion: Never Too Late to Begin

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