Building Blocks for a Strong Family

Cultivating Values for a Strong Families

Ephesians 3:14-15

I kneel before the Father, from whom / Jis whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

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Children are growing up in a world where the meaning of life has been reduced to shopping at the mall, where boredom is the greatest fear, and where entertainment is the sole salvation.

Psalm 78:2-7

- 2 | will open my mouth in parables, | will utter hidden things, things from of old—
- 3 what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.
- 4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power, and the wonders He has done.

Psalm 78:2-7

- 5 He ... commanded our forefathers to teach their children,
- 6 so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.
- 7 Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds but would keep His commands.

1. Clear Values

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise- 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

- Clear Values
 Understood Authority

Ephesians 5:25-26

As the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Mimself up for her...

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

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Ecclesiastes 4:9

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:

John Adams

Fire them with ambition to be useful, exercising frugality and industry.

- 1. Clear Values
- 2. Understood Authority
- 3. Shared Responsibilities

Psalm 139:13-16

- 13 For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 | praise you because | am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, | know that full well.

Psalm 139:13-16

- 15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to being.

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- 4. Value the Individual

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- 5. Joyful Memories

Psalm 685-6

A Father to the fatherless, a Defender of widows, God sets the lonely in families.