**Five Essentials for a Strong Family**

Family Matters

Strong families make strong people and stronger communities.

If we win at home, we win!

**Proverbs 24:3 NIV**, “By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established.”

**Proverbs 24:3 ICB**, “It takes wisdom to have a good family. It takes understanding to make it strong.”

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 **AUTHENTIC FAITH**.

**Matthew 7:24-27 NIV**, “24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

**MISTAKES** **DECISIONS** **CHOICES PROBLEMS CONFLICT**

I ask for forgiveness. I ask God. What makes me Seek God first. I look to resolve more like Christ.

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1. **BIBLICAL FAMILY VALUES.**

**Values:** A statement or declaration of how we are going to live and who we are going to be.

**BIBLICAL FAMILY VALUES**

**Joshua 24:15b NIV**, “**15**But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

If we don’t have values, we default to emotions. Once you establish the standard, the value, then you set the example. You have to have values.

**DIVINE PURPOSE.** Your career is what you are paid to do, your divine purpose is what you were made to do

**Acts 20:24,** “However I consider my life worth noting to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me…”

Your life will go in the direction of your greatest focus.

**1 Timothy 4:8 NLT,** “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”

 **RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS.** You become like the 5 people you spend the most time with

**Proverbs 27:19, “**A mirror reflects a man’s face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.”

**2 Corinthians 6:14 NIV,** “**14**Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?” Show me your friends, I will show you your future.

**CONTINUOUS GRACE**.

**1 Peter 4:7-11 NIV,** “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

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