

# FAMILY AND CHURCH

1. God's original creation was a family taking dominion and bearing God's image and likeness.
2. Through lies and sin, the family lost God's image, likeness, and dominion and every imaginable family problem was introduced. (L + S = FD)
3. Through Calvary's Cross , God would redeem man and restore His original intent through a new family, the Church.

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4. There MUST be a strong relationship between the family and the Church in order for God's purposes to be accomplished in both places.

Noah's Ark is a good example of the importance of the two relating to each other:

- The Ark (a type of the Church) was necessary for the preservation of the family Gen. 7:1, 13
- The building of the Ark was a family project Gen. 6:1-10
- The Ark with the family in it was on display seven days before the Flood came Gen. 7:10
- The Ark with the family in it was a place of safety built together in such a way to rise above the storm and rain Gen. 7:16, 17

Which was most important, the Ark or the Family? Both

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5. The Good news is that Grace and Truth have come

John 1:14-16

- Grace is help, strength, empowerment & wisdom

6. There is more grace that can be released to you James 4:6

- Humility is the key to more grace

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7. It is the Family and the Church who have the responsibility to teach and train (Deut. 6) ( Matt. 28:18-20).
8. It is the Church that the gates of hell shall not prevail against Matt:16:18.
9. Blessing is affected by both our understanding of the Church (Gal. 3:29) and Family (Gen. 18:18, 19).
10. It is the Family where godlike character is produced (2 Tim. 1:5) and all ministry for the Church is proven (1 Tim. 3:4, 5).

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How can parents help to keep the Family and Church in proper perspective?

1. Keep your family totally identified with the purposes of God expressed and fulfilled through the Church.
2. Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit between the Family and the Church (Eph. 4:3).

Be aware of the devil's tactics:

misunderstandings/lack of communication  
double vision/mission  
defaming leadership  
offences/negative attitudes