

Building Our Families God's Way

In our journey through life, many of us have tried to navigate family life according to our own wisdom and strength. To put it another way, we've done "our family, our way;" only to find that this approach often leads to frustration and disappointment. As Dr. Phil might ask, "How has that worked for you?" The truth is, when we rely solely on our own understanding, we often find ourselves floundering instead of flourish as God intends.

The Bible offers us a different path—one that calls us to build our families God's way. This approach is not about following the norms of our culture, which often prioritize comfort, convenience, and self-interest. Instead, it's about aligning our lives with God's purposes and principles, as revealed in His Word.

Psalms 127 reminds us of a profound truth: "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." This passage isn't about constructing physical houses; it's about building families. God is the master builder, and only He can create a flourishing and thriving family. When we try to build without Him, we labor in vain; experiencing exhaustion, strife, and anxiety.

So, how do we build our families God's way? It begins with hope. Hope is essential because it opens our hearts to the possibilities of transformation and growth. Without hope, we will not believe that things can be different. Without hope we won't take steps to respond to what God is showing us so that our families can become healthy, strong, and vibrant.

Hope leads to this next step: we need to turn our attention in God's direction and look to Him as the source of our help. This means seeking His presence, His power, His purposes, and His principles for doing life. God is not distant or uninvolved; He is near and actively working in our lives. By turning to Him, we find the wisdom and strength to break free from relational dysfunction and move toward the abundance He desires for us.

Lastly, we must take hold of what God has already made available. This involves embracing His guidance, actively cooperating with Him, and applying His timeless principles to every dimension of our lives. It's not a one-time event, but a continuous process of trusting and following Him.

As we reflect on these truths, let's consider the example of Joshua, who declared, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua understood that building a family God's way requires a conscious decision to serve Him wholeheartedly. It's a commitment to place God at the very center of our lives and families.

Call to Action:

Today, I invite you to take a step of faith. Begin by hoping in the possibilities He offers, looking to Him for guidance, and then taking a hold of His wisdom and promises. Invite your family to journey together in trusting God and what He shows us in His Word, knowing that He is the ultimate builder who, because of his unfailing love, desires to bless our homes with His presence, peace, and purpose. Let this be a turning point where you declare, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."