

WHAT'S A FAMILY FOR?

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*"The Lord God said, `It is not good for man to be alone. I will make him a helper suitable for him. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife."
Genesis 2:18, 24*

GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE FAMILY

I. A FAMILY IS A SHELTER FROM STORMS

"Reverence for the Lord gives a man deep strength. His children have a place of refuge and security." Proverbs 14:26

"One standing alone can be attacked and defeated. But two can stand back to back and conquer" Ecclesiastes 4:12

2. A FAMILY IS A LERNING CENTER FOR LIFE

"May our sons in their youth be like plants that grow up strong" Psalm 144:12

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and with man. Luke 2:52

3. A FAMILY IS TO BE A JOYFUL PLACE

"Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love." Ecclesiastes 9:9

"Be happy with your wife and find your joy with the girl you married." Proverbs 5:18

"Children are a gift from God. They are his reward. Children are like sharp arrows. Happy is the man whose quiver is full of them!" Psalm 127:3-5

4. A FAMILY IS TO BE A LAUNCHPAD FOR MINISTRY

"Stephanas and his family were the first to become Christians in Greece and they are spending their lives helping and serving Christian's everywhere."

1 Cor. 16:15, Acts 16:34