

Colossians - Part 9  
The Adam's Family  
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- Family
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- The Purpose for family
- We're all broken and are in need of rescue

*Col. 3:18-21 (ESV) Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.*

*Gen. 2:24 (NIV) Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

The family was **GOD'S** idea.

*Genesis 2:18 (NIV) Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."*

We **NEED** relationships.

### **What's a Family For?**

1st) A family is to be a **SHELTER** in the storm.

*Proverbs 14:26 (LB) "Reverence for the Lord gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security."*

The storm of **CHANGE**.

The storm of **FAILURE**.

*Eccl. 4:9-10 (NLT) Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble."*

The storm of **REJECTION**.

2nd) The family is a **LEARNING** center.

*Col. 3:21 (ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.*

*Ps. 144:12 (GN) "May our sons in their youth be like plants that grow up strong."*

*Ephesians 6:4 (GN) "Fathers, don't exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."*

- From parent control
- To self-control
- To God's control

*Luke 2:52 (NIV) And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.*

- Wisdom -- intellectual growth
- Stature -- physical growth
- Favor with God -- spiritual growth
- Favor with man -- social growth

### **RELATIONSHIPS**

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### **CHARACTER**

- Character is caught not taught

### **VALUES**

*Isaiah 38:19 (LB) "One generation makes known Your faithfulness to the next."*

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NLT) And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.*

3rd) A family is a place to **ENJOY**.

*Col. 3:19 (ESV) Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.*

*Eccl. 9:9 (NLT) Live happily with the woman you love through all the meaningless days of life that God has given you under the sun. The wife God gives you is your reward for all your earthly toil.*

*Proverbs 5:19 (GN) "Be happy with your wife and find your joy with the girl you married."*

4th) A family is a **TRAINING** center for ministry.

*Col. 3:20 (ESV) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*

*1 Cor. 16:15 (LB) "Stephanas and his family were the first to become Christians in Greece and they are spending their lives helping and serving Christians everywhere."*

*Romans 12:13 (LB) "When God's children are in need... help them out! Get into the habit of inviting guests home for dinner or, if they need lodging, for the night."*

- Do not discount or ignore the relatives you do have
- Realize as a Christian, you are a part of a large family

*Galatians 6:10 (NLT) Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.*