

Family, Fathers, & Faith — Part 3

I. Family, Fathers & Faith

A. Heavenly Assignments

Prophet, Priest, King, Watchman, Gatekeeper

B. Children & Family

Matthew 18:5–9 (NIV®)

⁵“And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. ⁶But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. ⁷“Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! ⁸If your hand or your foot causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

II. Instructions RE: Seeking the Lord

A. Diligence Required

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV®)

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that **he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**

B. Gaining Spiritual Strength — Practical Ideas for Your Home & Life

1. **Communion** — 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NIV®)

2. **Anointing**

3. **Serving**

Matthew 23:11–12 (NIV®)

¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

4. **Giving**

Deuteronomy 12:6 (NIV®)

There bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.

Malachi 3:6–9 (NIV®)

⁶“I the Lord do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’ ⁸“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me.

Luke 21:1–4 (NIV®)

¹As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ²He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³“I tell you the truth,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all

the others. ⁴ All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

5. Learning (Bible Reading)

Deuteronomy 11:18–21 (NIV®)

¹⁸ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

Proverbs 3:1–6 (NIV®)

¹ My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ² for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. ³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

6. Praying

Luke 11:1 (NIV®)

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

2 Kings 20:1–3 (NIV®)

¹ In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.” ² Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, ³ “Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

John 11:43–44 (NIV®)

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

7. Under Authority — Family Time

Matthew 13:34–36 (NIV®)

³⁴ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵ So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.” ³⁶ **Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”**

Luke 12:1–3 (NIV®)

¹ Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ² There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ³ What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.”