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II. God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

[Genesis 18:1ff.](#); [Psalms 2:7ff.](#); [110:1ff.](#); [Isaiah 7:14](#); [Isaiah 53:1-12](#); [Matthew 1:18-23](#); [3:17](#); [8:29](#); [11:27](#); [14:33](#); [16:16,27](#); [17:5](#); [27](#); [28:1-6,19](#); [Mark 1:1](#); [3:11](#); [Luke 1:35](#); [4:41](#); [22:70](#); [24:46](#); [John 1:1-18,29](#); [10:30,38](#); [11:25-27](#); [12:44-50](#); [14:7-11](#); [16:15-16,28](#); [17:1-5](#); [21-22](#); [20:1-20,28](#); [Acts 1:9](#); [2:22-24](#); [7:55-56](#); [9:4-5,20](#); [Romans 1:3-4](#); [3:23-26](#); [5:6-21](#); [8:1-3,34](#); [10:4](#); [1 Corinthians 1:30](#); [2:2](#); [8:6](#); [15:1-8,24-28](#); [2 Corinthians 5:19-21](#); [8:9](#); [Galatians 4:4-5](#); [Ephesians 1:20](#); [3:11](#); [4:7-10](#); [Philippians 2:5-11](#); [Colossians 1:13-22](#); [2:9](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:14-18](#); [1 Timothy 2:5-6](#); [3:16](#); [Titus 2:13-14](#); [Hebrews 1:1-3](#); [4:14-15](#); [7:14-28](#); [9:12-15,24-28](#); [12:2](#); [13:8](#); [1 Peter 2:21-25](#); [3:22](#); [1 John 1:7-9](#); [3:2](#); [4:14-15](#); [5:9](#); [2 John 7-9](#); [Revelation 1:13-16](#); [5:9-14](#); [12:10-11](#); [13:8](#); [19:16](#).

Key Text:

- Psalm 2: 7-9: “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, „You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter“s vessel.””
- Psalm 110:1-4: “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. The Lord has sworn and will not relent, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”
- Isaiah 7:14: “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”

- **Isaiah 53:6:** “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
- **Isaiah 52:13-53:12:** “Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men; so shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider. Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked— but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
- **Matthew 1:18-23:** “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

- **Matthew 3:17:** “And suddenly a voice came from heaven saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
- **Matthew 8:29:** “And suddenly they cried out, saying, “What have we to do with you, Jesus, you Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”
- **Matthew 11:27:** “”All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”
- **Matthew 16:16:** “Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
- **John 1:1, 14, 18:** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared Him.”
- **John 1:1-18:** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, „He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.”” And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”
- **John 10:30:** “I and My Father are one.”
- **Philippians 2:5-11:** “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

- **Colossians 1:13-22:** “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.”
- **1 Timothy 2:5-6:** “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”
- **Titus 2:13-14:** “looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”
- **Hebrews 1:1-3:** “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

Key Text Missing:

- **Genesis 3:15:** “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”
- **Genesis 12:1-3:** “Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
- **Genesis 49:10:** “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”
- **Numbers 24:17:** “I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; a Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel...”
- **Deuteronomy 18:15:** “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me [Moses] from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear.”

- **2 Samuel 7:12-16:** “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.””
- **Psalm 8, 16, 22, 45**
- **Daniel 7:13-14:** “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”
- **Micah 5:2:** “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”
- **Zechariah 12:10:** “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”
- **John 8:58:** “Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”
- **1 John 2:1-2:** “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”
- **1 John 4:10:** “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”
- **Revelation 5:6:** “And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”

“The theology of family is characterized by each member outdoing the other in service, in sacrifice, and in submission to the Lord, reflecting gratitude for God’s faithful, intimate love toward us. Mark Rathel writes, ‘I am not aware of another denominational confessional statement that includes an article on the family.’ The importance of the marriage relationship unfolds symbolically in the Old Testament with God as husband and Israel as wife, and in the New Testament with Jesus as the bridegroom and the church as the radiant bride. Clearly, marriage and family are distinctly theological. A healthy home has deep spiritual dimensions,

and thus the Bible instructs us concerning the family. We as believers must look first to Jesus Christ, our bridegroom, to engage and understand the divine design for marriage.”¹

Definition of the family: Merriam-Webster defines the family as “a group of people who are related to each other; the basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children; a group of individuals living under one roof and usually under one head.” The BF&M defines the family as “persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.” The Bible highlights the extended family. Family consists of parents and children, but also grandparents, in-laws, uncles, aunts, and cousins. Further, the practice of adoption beautifully portrays the family of God. Adoption reminds us that salvation from beginning to end is the act of God on our behalf.

Purpose of the family: The main purpose of the family is to illustrate the Gospel. The family testifies to the Gospel in that the Scriptures use the marriage bond as an illustration of the relationship between God and His people. Husbands are to reflect Christ! Wives are to reflect the Church. Children are to reflect God’s multiplication of disciples and expanding the Kingdom of God.

MAJOR THEOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE FAMILY

- 1) **The family is the foundational institution of society.** God created and ordained three social institutions for the benefit of all humanity, namely, 1) the family, 2) the government, and 3) the church. God birthed the church on the day of Pentecost. God instituted governments at some time after the historical entrance of sin into human experience. God instituted the social structure of the family first in the Garden of Eden, before humanity’s fall into sin (Gen 2-3). The family serves as both the foundational societal unit and a microcosm of society. As the family goes, so go the societal institutions of government and church. The family mirrors God’s nature as personal, relational, and communal.
- 2) **The family provides the altar of transformation where we learn to love and live like Jesus.** God reveals himself as a relational being, and we are created in his image for lasting, intimate relationships—first with God himself, and then with others. God’s ideal for the home—an intimate relationship that brings deep soul satisfaction to both husband and wife—models grace and faith for the children and proclaims to a lost and lonely world the type of love that God has for his people. This intimacy extends from a spiritual foundation through a relational sphere and culminates in the physical expression within the bounds of marriage. The Scriptures give unique imperatives—directed to the husband, the wife, the parents and the children—that detail the incarnation of submission.
- 3) **The family of God operates in direct opposition to our culture and our natural tendency to self-centeredness, self-absorption and self-gratification, and requires the supernatural enablement of the Holy Spirit in mutual submission.** The key text

¹ Much of this material is based on Dr. Daniel Akin’s series on the BF&M 21 - Family delivered at Wake Cross Roads Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC <https://www.danielakin.com/family-bfm-series-2000-part-21/>

Important Doctrines 6 - Doctrine of God the Son

is Ephesians 5:21-6:4. The godly husband will nourish and cherish his wife, loving her "as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her." The spiritual husband is a submissive servant of Christ (5:21), humble, gentle, faithfully putting his wife's welfare and needs above his own. The godly wife will respect and honor her own husband, submitting to him "as unto the Lord." Her character and conduct can draw even an unbelieving husband to faith (1 Pet 3:1-6). For each the Lord Jesus is the motivation and object of an obedient life. Both husband and wife, absolute equals before the Lord, fix their eyes first upon Him and then upon each other. Obedience for the Christian is neither optional, selective, nor conditioned upon the spouse's response or behavior. Should God bless such a household with children, they will witness daily submission and godly love as they are charged to obey their parents "in the Lord."

- 4) **The church is God's family that all are invited to join.** "The physical family is the most important building block to human society, and as such, it should be nurtured and protected. But more important than that is the new creation that God is making in Christ, which is comprised of a spiritual family, the Church, made up of all people who call upon the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. This is a family drawn "from every nation, tribe, people and language" ([Revelation 7:9](#)), and the defining characteristic of this spiritual family is love for one another: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" ([John 13:34-35](#))."²

THREE CALLINGS FOR THE FAMILY³

- 1) **Teach Theology (Loving God).** God's call for family life is summed up in Jesus' summary of the law: "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' " ([Mark 12:30-31](#)). Loving God and loving others is a good description of the theme of family life.
The family is the place for being mesmerized by the wonder of who God is and for instilling in children a profound sense of the glory of God. The psalmist puts it like this: "One generation shall commend your works to another" ([Ps. 145:4](#)). What does this look like? What do you talk about as one generation commending God to the next? [Psalm 145](#) tells us. It means meditating on the glorious splendor of God's majesty; speaking of God's majestic deeds; declaring His greatness; pouring out the fame of His abundant goodness; singing of His righteousness; speaking of the glory of His kingdom; talking of His kindness; speaking His praise (145:4-20). Love for God is instilled as we meditate on His glory and goodness. Children cannot be brought to delight in God in a conceptual vacuum. Parents show their children God's glory when the parents are caught up in the glory of God themselves.
- 2) **Teach Relationships (Loving Others).** Loving others is the response to loving God. This is the family business. Family life affords marvelous opportunities to show the love of Christ to others. Why? Because family living provides the greatest occasions for

² Quote taken from <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-family.html>

³ Tedd Tripp's *The Ordinary Christian Family* <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/ordinary-christian-family>

relational conflict. [James 4](#) addresses social conflict with the perceptive questions:

"What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not your passions that are at war within you?" (4:1). We typically look outside of ourselves for the reason for conflicts—"he makes me so mad"; "she laughed at my mistakes." James turns the tables on us. He says that relational conflicts come from desires that battle in our hearts.

Our passions and desires produce conflicts. The family is the place to gain insight into the desires that wage war within and bring us into conflict with others. It is the place to identify the ugliness of self-love. Family living provides the opportunity to learn the excellence of sacrificial love for others and truly seek the interests of others.

Family conflicts are not unwanted interruptions to the business of life. They are a vital part of learning to live in love. Family is a place for loving others.

- 3) **Teach the Gospel.** Family life is a school for the gospel, a place for living out the grace of God. Conflicts that arise as we strive to live together in love show our profound need for the grace of the gospel. We cannot love God and others without grace. Christ lived in human flesh without sin to provide us with righteousness that we can have no other way. He died to pay the guilt of our sin, fully satisfying the demands of God's law. Even now, He intercedes for us so that we might experience His grace and live as people who have known forgiveness and can extend forgiveness to each other.

The family is not a place of perfection. We sin and are sinned against. Our children sin and are sinned against. We are tempted to resolve conflicts through human wisdom, but we lose the benefit of our conflicts if we try to resolve them without reference to the gospel. The conflicts of everyday life give excellent opportunities to "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" [Eph. 4:32](#). Parents who understand that they, too, are sinners who get carried off by passions and desires can empathize with their children who sin. The parent who both understands the problem of sin and the grace and power of the gospel is able both to understand and to truly help children who sin. The experience of being a sinner who has found grace enables parents to bring the power and grace of the gospel to their children.

What Family is For: Worship, The Cultural Mandate, Work, Rest, and More

- I. **Creation:** The Who, How, Why, and What of Family (Genesis 1:26–28)
 - A. **Who?** God created & sustains the world. God created & sustains my family.
 - B. **How?** We are made in the image of God. The people in my family bear the image of God.
 - C. **Why?** Our purpose is to be culture-makers together with God for HIS glory. God gave us a cultural mandate (Genesis 2:15–25)

There are only 4 things we can do at any given time: **Create, Cultivate, Consume, Critique**

- D. **What?** Genesis 1:28 God blessed the family (in order) to:
 1. Give and Receive love
 2. Be conformed to the image of God's Son (Col. 3:10, Rom. 8:28-29)
 3. Make disciples

Being Made in the image of God implies 4 loving relationships:

- A love for God and what God loves us
 - A love for one another (Matt. 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27)
 - A love for self (Matt. 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27)
 - A love for God's Creation
- II. **Fall:** Sin brought brokenness in the family and all of creation (Genesis 3:1–7)
- A. Sin brought a broken relationship with God, others, self, and the created order.
 - B. The negative impact of the fall is to take the GOOD things that God has given us and to make them ultimate things. The great temptation is to take any of God's good gifts (the gift of our spouse, children, work, play) and to make them ultimate.

God's Common Grace - Due to sin, the world is in a bad way, but it is not as bad as it could be. God, in his common grace toward man, has restrained the world from being in utter and complete horror. Often unbelievers don't believe they need the Savior, clinging instead to the created things that God has made and things they fashion with their own hands.

- III. **Redemption:** God does not leave his loved ones in their sin: God comes down to them and deals with their sin and shame.

The Five Disciplines & Curses of the Fall & how they impact the family (Genesis 3:8–19)

- A. Satan the Enemy (3:14) - He will deceive and he will be crushed.
 - B. God the Savior (3:15) - He gives constant mercy and grace.
 - C. Woman (3:16) - She has reminders of God's mercies and must beware of disordered desires.
 - D. The Ground (3:17-18) - Sin impacts more than just the sinner.
 - E. Man (3:19) - He has reminders of God's mercies and must beware of apathy.
- IV. **Restoration:** God makes a better covering and begins the work of restoration from the first husband and wife and continues through today. (Gen. 3:20-24)
- Through God's Word and God's Spirit, God redeems and restores families to worship and serve as they were intended to do.

Mission of the Family

Matt. 28:18-20 *18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Relationship Resources

Singles: Isaiah 41:13; Isaiah 43:1-2; Isaiah 54:5; 55:6-9, John 15:9; 1 Cor. 7:28-35

- [*Whole in Christ: A Biblical Approach to Singleness*](#)
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/singleness-is-not-a-problem-to-be-solved>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/marriage-is-not-the-mission>
- [RightNow Media: Let's Talk.](#)

Dating: 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; 1 Cor. 13;

- [*Not Yet Married: The Pursuit of Joy in Singleness and Dating*](#)
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/wait-to-date-until-you-can-marry>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/if-he-does-not-love-jesus-he-will-not-love-you>
- [RightNow Media: Love Is.](#)
- [RightNow Media: Outdated.](#)

Engaged: Gen. 1-3; Heb. 13, 1 Peter 3:1-7; Eph. 5:15-33; 1 Cor. 13;

- [*Mingling of Souls by Matt Chandler*](#)
- [RightNow Media: The Pre-Marriage Course.](#)
- [*Preparing for Marriage God's Way by Wayne Mac*](#)

Married: Gen. 1-3; Heb. 13, 1 Peter 3:1-7; Eph. 5:15-33; 1 Cor. 13;

- [*Mingling of Souls by Matt Chandler*](#)
- [*Love & Respect*](#)
- <https://xomarriage.com>
- <https://fiercemarriage.com/podcast>
- [RightNow Media: The Art of Marriage](#)

Divorced: Psalm 42:5; Isaiah 26:3; Psalm 30:5; Psalm 119:50; Phil. 4:19

- [*Divorce Recovery: Growing and Healing God's Way*](#)
- [*Divorce and Remarriage*](#)
- [*The Complete Divorce Recovery Handbook*](#)
- [RightNow Media: Reclaiming Your Heart](#)

Widowed: Psalm 52:8; 68:5; 91:4; 94:19; Isaiah 54:5; 2 Cor. 1; Duet. 10:18

- [*Grace for the Widow: A Journey through the Fog of Loss*](#)
- [*A Grief Observed*](#)
- [*The Unwanted Gift: Hearing God in the Midst of Your Struggles*](#)
- [faceinglossblog.com Lessons of Hope from My Unwanted Journey](#)

Family and Parenting Resources

TECH WISE FAMILY (Andy Crouch):

1. We develop wisdom and courage together as a family.
2. We want to create more than we consume.
3. We're designed for a rhythm of work and rest.
4. We wake up before our devices
5. We aim for no screens until double digits.
6. We use screens for a purpose and use them together.
7. Car time is conversation time.
8. Parents have each other's passwords and access to all kids' devices/accounts.
9. We learn to sing together .
10. We show up in person for the big events in life.

Books

- [*Family Discipleship: Leading Your Home through Time, Moments, and Milestones*](#) by Chandler & Griffin
- [*Family Worship*](#) by Don Whitney
- [*Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family*](#) by Paul David Tripp
- [*Fearless Parenting: Raising Godly Kids in an Ungodly World*](#) by Sarah Blount
- [*Full Circle Parenting: A Guide for Crucial Conversations*](#) by Jimmy and Kristin Scroggins
- [*Raising a Modern Day Knight*](#) by Robert Lewis
- [*Raising a Modern Day Princess*](#) by Pam Farrel & Doreen Hanna

Free Content (Parkway Subscription)

- RightNow Media: [Parenting by Paul Tripp](#)
- RightNow Media: [Parenting: Discipling the Next Generation](#) by Albert Mohler
- RightNow Media: [Sacred Parenting](#) by Gary Thomas
- RightNow Media: [The Art of Parenting: Aiming Your Child's Heart Toward God](#) by Family Life Media
- RightNow Media: [Raising Kingdom Kids](#) by Tony Evans
- RightNow Media: [Having a New Kid by Friday](#) by Kevin Leman

Recommended Articles

1. [How Do I talk to my children about sex](#)
2. [Eternities in little moments](#)
3. [Should parents spank their children?](#)
4. [No parent can prevent suffering](#)
5. [When parents set the bar too low](#)