

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

(PART THREE)

Sermon Series: Christ Our Foundation

Colossians 3:18-4:1

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The condition of your family is not about activity but your identity in Christ. No other relationship will challenge your willingness to accept that more than parenting.

Develop an Environment of _____:

- See the Bible's vision for life in the family—a vision bigger than punishment.
- Obedience will only grow from hearts that honor authority. (Exodus 20:12)
- Honor requires the safety of love, care, and relationship.
- Honor and obedience are essential for the Christian family.

Rules without relationship lead to rebellion. Truth without relationships leads to rejection. And discipline without relationship leads to bitterness, resentment, and anger. Without the context of that loving relationship, rules and discipline will always backfire on us. -Josh McDowell

Pursue a Legacy of _____:

- The Bible's command can be applied as a general statement to both fathers and mothers.
- Children give up trying to obey and honor a parent who never seems pleased.
- This goal is firm, loving guidance.

Operate Under the _____ of Jesus:

- When it comes to parenting, we can be shaped by culture or shaped by Jesus.
- Kids, God placed you in your family. Embrace the calling.
- Parents, God chose you to raise those kids. Embrace the calling.

Key Takeaways:

- God has intentionally placed families together. Children should embrace their calling within the family, and parents should embrace their God-given responsibility to raise their children.
- A loving, secure relationship creates the foundation for honor, obedience, and discipline.
- Model the kind of honor and obedience you want to see in your family.
- Let your children see you honor God, your spouse, others, and authority. What they see consistently will often speak louder than what you say.

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