

MESSAGE: THANKFUL LIVING... *For Family* 11.10.19

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GETTING STARTED

1. What are some of the values you “inherited” from your family? What do you attribute that to?
2. If you were to be known for one thing when you died, what would you want it to be?
3. Is there anything in this week’s message that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What are some of the things you are thankful for when you think about family? How have negative experiences been a benefit?
2. Would you say that society has done a good job passing on values from one generation to another? What are some reasons you would give?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9. The speaker mentioned “families model what they know”. How does this passage support that idea? Why is it important for our children that we not just talk about our faith, but live it out?
4. Spend some time listing examples of how you can share your faith in a moment-by-moment basis to your children or others. How does that help make faith real and relevant?
5. Galatians 6:10 describes believers as a family. Other passages say we are “children of God”. Some people grow up with bad family experiences and a poor image of what family is like. How can our “Christian family” be something to be thankful for and model?

TAKE AWAY

1. Make it a habit to thank God for your family, for His blessing, for the things you have learned. How can God use you to bless others?
2. As a parent, look for opportunities to model your faith in real, personal ways. Ask God to help you live by example.
3. How can people be praying for you this week?

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Thankful Living...For Family

Psalm 61:5 “For you have heard my vows O God; you have given me a heritage of those who fear your name.”

The primary truth:

Families _____ what they _____.

I Cor 11:1

The key actions for Christ followers:

1. Value _____ over _____.

Heb 13:5

2. Value the _____ over the _____.

Phil 3:13

“Keep aiming at the right values in life to create

a family of faith in Jesus.”

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