

THE BIG PICTURE

The Perfect Family – Part 1

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Colossians 3: 18-21

1. God Has A Passion For My Family.

"...I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness." Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

God is the One who made all things, and all things are for His glory. He wanted to have many children share His glory." Hebrews 2:10a (NCV)

"Because of His love, God has already decided to make us His own children through Jesus Christ. That was what He wanted and what pleased Him." Ephesians 1:5 (NCV)

2. God Has A Plan For My Family.

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." Genesis 2:24 (NIV)

3. God Has A Purpose For My Family.

"For everything comes from Him; everything exists by His power and is intended for His glory. To Him be glory evermore. Amen." Romans 11:36 (NLT)

God Designed The Family To Be...

■ A Shelter In Storms

"He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge." Proverbs 14:26 (NIV)

■ A Learning Center for Life

"And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands 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 away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again." Deuteronomy 6: 6-7 (NLT)

■ **A Place For Fun**

“Be happy with your wife and find your joy with the girl you married.” Proverbs 5:18 (GN)

■ **A Launchpad For Ministry**

“You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints.” I Corinthians 16:15 (NIV)

“...But as for me and my family. We will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15 (NLT)