

the **MASTER** *plan*



HOMES OF WISDOM & PURPOSE



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Filling Your Family with Grace

Introduction:

“By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.”

— Proverbs 24:3-4

Your home is not just where you sleep, eat, or raise kids. It’s a sacred space—a place where the gospel should be seen, felt, and lived daily. In a culture of confusion, busyness, and distraction, God’s Word offers a clear blueprint for building a household of purpose, joy, and eternal impact.

This book is not about perfect parenting or flawless leadership. It’s about dependence. It’s about building on **Christ**, the Rock, rather than on sand—our opinions, traditions, and insecurities.

Whether you’re newly married, raising toddlers, navigating teenage years, or guiding grown children and grandchildren—this message is for you. It’s for families built not by performance, but by **grace**.

Chapter 1: How Do We Want to Be Known?

The legacy you leave won’t be measured by your possessions, your promotions, or your popularity. It will be measured by your name—and the weight that name carries.

Proverbs 22:1 reminds us:

“A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.”

Your family name is important. But there’s a name that matters even more: the name of **Jesus Christ**.

If you claim the name of Jesus, people will watch you—and they’ll draw conclusions about your Savior based on your actions. That may seem like a lot of pressure, but it’s also a profound privilege.

We get to **represent Christ**. In our marriages. In how we discipline our children. In how we speak to our spouse after a long day. In what we post online.

So let me ask again:

How do you want to be known?

When people hear your name, do they think of integrity? Grace? Generosity? Faithfulness?

It's not about perfection—it's about consistency. It's about choosing to bring your family under the **name and mission of Christ**.

Chapter 2: Creating a Family Mission Statement

In Deuteronomy 6, God gives His people a clear command:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength... Repeat these words to your children... Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

This is more than a parenting tip. It's a **lifestyle**.

One of the most powerful things you can do as a family is to create a **mission statement**—a declaration of what your home is about. A spiritual compass.

It could be as simple as:

- “We exist to know God and make Him known.”
- “We choose grace over perfection.”
- “Our family is a safe place for healing and growth.”
- “We love God, we love people, we live by faith.”

In our home, it's:

“Love well.”

We strive to love God, love others, and love ourselves with the intentionality and humility that reflects Christ. Not perfectly—but sincerely.

Ask your family:

- What do we believe?

- What do we value most?
- What legacy do we want to leave?

Write it. Frame it. Pray over it.

Chapter 3: How Do We Get There?

A mission without a method leads to frustration. Once you've clarified **who** you want to be as a family, the next step is figuring out **how** to become that.

Proverbs 22:6 says:

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

This is not a promise; it's a principle. Raising a child in faith doesn't guarantee they'll stay there, but it does establish deep roots.

To lead your family toward spiritual health and gospel transformation, you need:

- **Consistency** over charisma
- **Presence** over perfection
- **Intentionality** over impulse

Start by aligning your **calendar** with your **convictions**. You can't say church is a priority if it loses out to sports or convenience. You can't say discipleship matters if it never shows up in your schedule.

Your kids will remember not just what you said—but what you lived.

Chapter 4: Modeling, Time, Moments & Milestones

Based on the book *Family Discipleship* by Matt Chandler, here are four rhythms every Christ-centered family should practice:

1. Modeling

You are the first Bible your children will read. Show them Jesus—not just on Sundays, but in your responses, your rhythms, and your repentance.

Let them **see you fail** and run to grace. Let them watch you pray, read, forgive, and serve. You don't need to be perfect—you need to be **present** and **authentic**.

2. Time

Carve out intentional time for gospel-centered conversations. This might look like:

- Bedtime devotions
- Sunday evening reflections
- Mealtime gratitude
- Weekly “family huddles”

Time is the currency of influence. Spend it wisely.

3. Moments

Be alert to the Spirit's nudges. Use real-life situations—teachable moments—to point to the gospel.

When your child fails a test, loses a game, or acts out—pause. Invite grace into the conversation.

One time, my daughter confessed to marking a mattress. She tried to clean it herself. I helped her and reminded her:

“God knows how to clean the messes we make—and He still loves us.”

That's the gospel.

4. Milestones

Celebrate and commemorate God's faithfulness:

- Baptisms
- Birthdays

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- Family “faith anniversaries”
- Even hard moments overcome

These become spiritual landmarks that remind your family: **God is good. Always.**

Chapter 5: Serving God—Together

Discipleship isn’t just taught—it’s caught.

When you serve others as a family, your kids see love in action. They learn that faith isn’t just a belief—it’s a lifestyle.

Ways to serve together:

- Volunteer in a church ministry
- Support a local mission or nonprofit
- Host meals for struggling families
- Write letters to missionaries
- Donate generously and discuss the why

Jesus didn’t call us to attend church. He called us to **be the Church**. That starts at home.

Chapter 6: Generational Impact and Spiritual Legacy

Your family is not just for today—it’s for **tomorrow**. How you live now shapes how your children will live later.

Moses told Israel to teach future generations about God’s deliverance:

“We were slaves in Egypt, but God brought us out with a mighty hand...” (Deut. 6:20-21)

What’s your family’s Egypt? What did God rescue you from?

Tell that story. Let your kids know what God has done. Let them see the legacy of grace.

You're not just raising children. You're raising **disciples**, future spouses, future parents, future world-changers.

Chapter 7: Common Pitfalls and God's Grace

Here are some traps families fall into—and how grace redeems them:

- **Perfectionism:** Let go. Grace is greater.
- **Comparison:** Every family is different. Run your race.
- **Busyness:** Don't let schedules replace spiritual formation.
- **Neglect:** You won't drift into discipleship. Be intentional.
- **Shame:** You're not too broken. God specializes in restoration.

God's grace covers every misstep. Keep showing up. Keep surrendering.

Chapter 8: Leading When Life Is Messy

Some days, parenting feels like survival. You're tired. Your marriage is strained. Your prayers seem unanswered.

That's when you remember:

You are not alone.

God is with you. His Spirit empowers you. His grace is sufficient.

Leadership isn't about control—it's about influence. Keep sowing seeds. Keep speaking life. Keep trusting the harvest to Him.

Conclusion: The Foundation That Never Fails

Jesus is the only foundation that doesn't crack under pressure. Build your home on **His name, His truth, His love**.

You may not be able to fix every problem. But you can point your family to the One who can.

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Lead with humility. Love with grace. Serve with joy. And trust that God is working—even when you can't see it.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”

— Psalm 127:1

Appendix: Reflective Questions and Family Activities

Reflection Questions:

1. What values define our family?
2. How do we spend our time—and does it reflect our mission?
3. Are we modeling faith in daily life?
4. How are we serving others together?

Activities:

- Create a family mission statement and frame it.
 - Memorize one verse per month as a family.
 - Plan a monthly service project.
 - Start a gratitude jar and read from it weekly.
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Prayer & Commitment

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for your grace.

Thank You for our families.

Help us lead with wisdom.

Teach us to build our homes on Your Word, not the world.

Let Your Spirit guide our conversations, our choices, our rhythms.

May we love well, serve humbly, and point always to You.

In Your holy name,

Amen.

