

To love is Respect and honor

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ROMANS 12:9-10 NIV

KEYS TO BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:

A. We do not give up on relating to one another in a godly manner

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ROMANS 12:9-10 NIV

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

ROMANS 12:9-10 NLT

Fathers-in-law

¹⁴ When Moses' father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he asked, "What are you really accomplishing here? Why are you trying to do all this alone while everyone stands around you from morning till evening?" ¹⁵ Moses replied, "Because the people come to me to get a ruling from God. [...]" ²⁴ Moses listened to his father-in-law's advice and followed his suggestions.

EXODUS 18:14-15, 24 NLT

Mothers-in-law

⁸ But on the way, Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back to your mothers' homes. And may the Lord reward you for your kindness to your husbands and to me. ⁹ May the Lord bless you with the security of another marriage." Then she kissed them good-bye, and they all broke down and wept. ¹⁰ "No," they said. "We want to go with you to your people." [...]" ¹² No, my daughters, return to your parents' homes, for I am too old to marry again. And even if it were possible, and I were to get married tonight and bear sons, then what? [...]" ¹⁴ And again they wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Ruth clung tightly to Naomi.

RUTH 1:8-10, 12, 14 NLT

KEYS TO BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:

B. We love one another by showing respect and honor

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. ²⁰ Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 3:18-20 NLT

⁴ Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4B-7 NLT

Children

² "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: ³ If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

EPHESIANS 6:2-3 NLT

Fathers

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

EPHESIANS 6:4 NLT

⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. ⁸ Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

1 PETER 4:7-8 NASB

²⁸ When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; ²⁹ for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

MATTHEW 7:28-29 NASB

KEYS TO BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:

C. Establish Jesus as our foundation

²⁴ "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell and its collapse was great."

MATTHEW 7:24-27 NASB