

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

GREAT FAMILIES DON'T JUST HAPPEN

Joshua 24:14-18

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How can you experience the blessings of a great family?

1. You must give the LORD His rightful place.

Now, therefore, fear the LORD... Joshua 24:14

A. Jesus is to be the cornerstone of your family.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Psalms 118:22-23

B. Jesus will keep your family strong and secure.

Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. Matthew 7:24

2. You must serve the LORD in sincerity and truth.

A. A great family is focused on being right not looking right.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

Matthew 23:27

B. A great family is honest about problems.

3. You must beware the pressure of false gods.

...choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living... Joshua 24:15

A. Don't follow the mistakes of the past.

B. Don't follow the culture of the present.

4. You must make a conscious choice to follow Jesus.

*And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, **choose for yourselves today whom you will serve**...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15*

We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God. Joshua 24:18

A. You are the only one who can choose for you.

B. The right choice produces the desired results.

*...for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Romans 14:17*

Whom will you choose to serve?