

How to Develop Christian Family Values
Phil.4:8-9
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A family value is what a family believes to be of greatest worth and importance. When family values are pooled together, you get the DNA of the family unit.

I. What Are Christian Family Values?

A. G_____ can best determine what encompasses healthy family DNA.

1. Write down the family values that you were taught by your parents.

2. Is this healthy family DNA?

B. S_____ Christian values are found in Phil.4:8-9.

C. Write down a short l_____ of Christian family values that you desire to permeate your family.

II. How to Develop Christian Family Values

A. If we are serious about establishing our homes with Christian family values, we need to be intentional and create a p_____.

1. We must commit to think on these things. We must commit to focus on Christian values.
2. We must commit to practice these things. We must commit as individuals and as a family whole.

B. A biblical five-step Christian Family Values Plan.

1. Step One: L_____. Write down how you will introduce and teach your family members Christian family values. For example, it may be a periodic family meeting. You may include a family Bible study. It may be self-study and report back to a family meeting.
2. Step Two: R_____. Write down how you will lead your family to adopt Christian family values. For example, you can impose them upon family members, especially if your children are young. You may vote and give each member free-will to commit.
3. Step Three: H_____. Write down several ways that you intend to lead your family members to learn and assimilate Christian family values. For example, you may schedule family Bible studies, set church attendance as a requirement, and/or have a monthly meeting to discuss lessons learned from life's circumstances.
4. Step Four: M_____. Write down how each family will be rewarded for modeling Christian family values before others. For example, you may have a monthly family meeting where each family member nominates another family member for Outstanding Model of the Month. Attach a reward. Another option is to reward the whole family if the family has modeled the values for the length of a month without a failure or compromise.
5. Step Five: P_____. Write down how each family member will report its success and failure. This report can be made to a parent or to the full family. For example, if you identified kindness as a virtue, than you may want to have a family meeting once each month to report on the incidences of when kindness rather than anger was practiced.

Conclusion: What are your family values?