

LOVING YOUR FAMILY WELL
A Winning Game-Plan for Life
Colossians 3:18-21
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“Whoever does not care for his own relatives, especially his own family members, has turned against the faith and is worse than someone who does not believe in God.”
– 1 Timothy 5:8 NCV

“Wives, yield to the authority of your husbands, because this is the right thing to do in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and be gentle with them. Children, obey your parents in all things, because this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not nag your children. If you are too hard to please, they may want to stop trying.” -- Col. 3:18-21 NCV

How to “Love the TAR” out of Your Family:

T(ime): Family members spell love (**T-I-M-E**).

“Act like people with good sense and not like fools. These are evil times, so make every minute count.” – Ephesians 5:15-16 CEV

“Fathers, do not make your children angry, but raise them with the training and teaching of the Lord.” – Ephesians 6:4 NCV

“Always remember these commands that I give you today. Teach them to your children and talk about them when you sit at home and walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” – Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NCV

“Husbands, go all out in love for your wives. Don’t take advantage of them.” – Colossians 3:19 Msg

A(ttention): Turn off your (**gadgets**) and focus on the people in the room!

“A wife should put her husband first as she does the Lord.” -- Ephesians 5:22 CEV

“In the same way, a husband should love his wife as much as he loves himself. A husband that loves his wife shows that he loves himself. None of us hates our own bodies. We provide for them and take good care of them, just as Christ does for the church.” – Ephesians 5:28-29 CEV

R(espect): “(**Submit**)” is not a 4-letter word.

“Wives, understand and support your husbands by submitting to them in ways that honor the Master.” -- Colossians 3:18 Msg

“Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God’s grace, you’re equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don’t run aground.” – 1 Peter 3:7 Msg

“Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ‘Honor your father and mother.’” – Ephesians 6:1-2 NLT