

# Qualities of a Godly Family

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*“Whatever else may be said about the **home**, it is the bottom line of life, the anvil upon which attitudes and convictions are hammered out. It is the place where life’s bills come due, **the single most influential force in our earthly existence**. . . . It is at home, among family members, that we come to terms with circumstances. It is here life makes up its mind.”*

*(Charles Swindoll)*

## 1. **A godly family spends time together.**

### Ephesians 5:15-17

*“Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”*

*Spending time together means . . .*

- Seeking God (family devotions, Bible study, prayer)
- Relaxing and playing (beach, park, sports, games)
- Working (business, chores, school, mission projects)
- Meal times and bedtimes (this time allows for open communication)

## 2. **A godly family makes and keeps commitments.**

### Joshua 24:14-16

*“Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth. . . . 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. . . . Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods.”*

*Makes and keeps commitments with . . .*

- God (love, follow, obey)

- Family (love, honor, protect, serve, teach, pray)
- Friends (loyal/faithful, bear burdens)
- Others (peacemaker, good will, orphans, widows)

### 3. A godly family displays good communication.

Ephesians 4:29 “Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.”

Good communication is . . .

- Wholesome and edifying
- Truthful and loving

### 4. A godly family displays positive crisis management.

Nahum 1:7 “The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those that take refuge in Him.”

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.”

1 Peter 5:7 “Casting all your anxiety on Him; because He cares for you.”

Positive crisis management with . . .

- Everyday circumstances (flat tires, rude people, neighbors)
- Work (boss, employees, inner-office relationships, tasks)
- School (peers, students, teachers)
- Family (marriage, children, finances, illness, death)

### 5. A godly family displays submission/surrender.

James 4:7 “Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

1 Peter 5:5 “You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Submission/surrender to . . .

- God (James 4:7)
- The Word (Psalm 119:105; John 8:31-32)
- Authority—parents, husband, elders, civil leaders (Romans 13:1; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13)
- One another (1 Peter 5:5)

“The strength of a nation lies in the homes of its people.”  
(Abraham Lincoln)