

Family Like It Matters

Colossians 3:18–21

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1. God [created](#) the family.

- Wives [respect](#) and [follow](#). *Col. 3:18; 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:21–24; 33; 1 Tim. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:1–4*
- Husbands [love](#) and [lead](#). *Col. 3:19; Eph. 5:25–26; 1 Pet. 3:7*
- Children [honor](#) and [obey](#). *Col. 3:18–21; Eph. 6:1–3*
- Parents [encourage](#), [discipline](#) and [instruct](#). *Col. 3:21; Eph. 6:4; Heb. 12:7–9.*

2. God [crowned](#) the family. *Matt. 19:4–6*

- Marriage is [God-ordained](#). *Gen. 2:18, 21–23*
- Marriage is [heterosexual](#). *Gen. 1:27; 2:18, 24; Matt. 19:5; Eph. 5:31*
- Marriage is [monogamous](#). *Gen. 2:18, 21–23; Matt. 19:5; Eph. 5:31*
- Marriage is a new [beginning](#). *Gen. 2:24*
- Marriage is for [companionship](#). *Gen. 2:18; Prov. 18:22; Eccl. 4:9–12*
- Marriage is for [sanctification](#). *Matt. 22:30; Eph. 5:22–33*
- Marriage is for [intimacy](#). *Matt. 19:5; 1 Cor. 7:1–5*
- Marriage is for [procreation](#). *Gen. 4:1–2; Jer. 29:6*
- Marriage is [sacred](#). *Gen. 1:26–27; Heb. 13:4*
- Marriage is for [keeps](#). *Matt. 19:5–6*

3. God [celebrates](#) the family.

- [Children](#) are more important than [work](#). *Ps. 127:1–5*
- [Families](#) determine the strength of a [nation](#). *Ps. 128:1–6*



