

**Family Survival**  
**Eph 5:23-28**  
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of the family surviving and the family

- Intro:
1. This time of the year is when families come together.
  2. The family is an important part of the Christian life.
  3. When families fail, the result so many times is unfaithfulness in a few, if not all involved.

I. Marriage & the Home

A. Ingredients of a successful marriage.

1. Maturity
  - a. Some who are mature in age may not be mature in mind
    - a. We shouldn't behave like children (**1 Cor 13:11**)
    - b. Marriages fail without proper maturity.
2. Unselfishness is an important ingredient for a successful marriage
  - a. The GOLDEN rule (**Mt 7:12**)
  - b. Kind & Affectionate (**Rom 12:10**)
3. Trust & Loyalty
  - a. **Pro 31:11-12**

II. Family & the Home

A. We need to love one another in the home.

1. **Proverbs 15:17**
2. **Hosea 11:4a**

B. Mom & Dad are to love one another.

1. Dad – **Gen 29:18,20; 1 Sam 1:4-5a; Proverbs 5:18-21**
2. Mom – **1 Sam 18:20; Titus 2:4b**

C. Mom & Dad are to love the kids.

1. **Genesis 22:2** – Abram deeply loved his son, his only son.
2. **Psalm 127:3** – Children are a blessing, not a hindrance or a burden.

III. Two important factors, when considering the Home.

A. Spiritual Factors

1. How important is the church in the home?
2. The first key to success in the home is faithfulness & loyalty to God.
3. Unfaithfulness to God, often results in problems in the home.
4. The Bible makes it clear how important spiritual things are (**Deut 6:4-9**)

B. Employment

1. Relocation – Lot chose to move because of economic reasons (v.10, **Gen 13:9-10**)
2. Spiritual Environment – (**Gen 13:13**), though the wickedness bothered him, He did not move (**2 Pt 2:7-8**)
3. Time – Different jobs require different amounts of our time, how much time does our job take us away from our families?

- a. Consider what Paul tells us about wives being a part for periods of time.  
(1 Cor 7:3-5)

Application & Conclusion:

1. The Christian will recognize the importance of the Christian family.
2. The Bible tells us how to succeed as a Christian family. We would do well to head it's teachings so that we all can get to heaven, including our families.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9