

**Job: The Family Man**  
**Job 1:1-5**  
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Thesis: I want to show the lessons about family that we can learn from Job.

- Intro:
1. Job is known for a man of hardships.
  2. Job however was much more. He was a man with a family that he cared for deeply.

I. Job the faithful man

A. Blameless & Upright (**v.1a**)

1. Blameless – morally complete (as some commentators say).
  - a. He had nothing anyone could hold against him, he could not be blamed.
2. Upright – he traveled a straight line, that is he “walked the straight and narrow”.

B. Feared God & Shunned Evil (**v.1b**)

1. He was one who respected God.
  - a. He was one also obeyed God out of his reverence for Him.
2. Job was unlike other “wise” men (**Job 32:9**)
  - a. A man’s gift (abilities) will bring him before great men (**Pro 18:16**).

II. Job the working man

A. Job was a provider (**v.2**)

1. In the eyes of the people of the east, a large family was a mark of divine blessing.
2. Job labored to provide for his household.
  - a. We learn that his sons & daughters had homes indicating that labored well enough to provide for themselves as well. (**v.4**).

B. His property and work (**v.3**)

1. Have a large number of farm animals and servants was another indication of wealth and being successful in your labors.
2. **Job no doubt used his livestock to provide for his household.**
  - a. **Sheep provide meat and wool for clothing**
  - b. **Camels were essential to desert travel**
  - c. **The oxen were necessary for agriculture**
  - d. **The donkey’s would carry heavy loads.**
3. Job acknowledge his wealth came from God (**Job 1:21**).
4. Job had such great wealth and success that he was known as the greatest of the east.

III. Job the caring man

A. Those he cared for were close to one another (**v.4**)

1. These gatherings are signs of a close family.
2. These individuals spent time together, not a common occurrence today.
3. Some believe these “appointed days” were birthdays or special occasions.
  - a. Whatever the reason, they were a family who spent time together.
  - b. He was truly a caring person (**Job 4:3-4**)

B. His concern for his family's spiritual well-being (**v.5**).

1. Job was a devout man.
  - a. This is seen by him continual offering burnt-offerings for each of his kids following their gatherings.
2. There is no clear indication that they actual became rebellious against God however Job offered burnt-offerings for each of them regardless.

IV. Lessons for Us Today

A. Put God first.

1. Job did that (**v.1**).
2. He knew God, feared God and strove to resist the temptation of sin.

B. Do not fear work

1. The Bible is clear that it is good for mankind to work (**Pro 12:27**)
2. The Bible also makes it clear that it is man's duty to provide for his family (**1 Tim 5:8**)
  - a. It is not his duty to provide a mansion but the basics are indeed his responsibility.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Let us learn from Job's example and care for our families, provide for our families.
2. We ought to do so while striving to guide them to God. This was Job's example.
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