

I Am a Church Member: I Will Lead My Family to Be Healthy Church Members

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Text: Proverbs 10:1 A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

Reference verses: Ephesians 5:22-33, 6:1-4

1. Why does Paul use the example of a family to portray the relation of Christ with His church?

Point 1 – Pray together as a family for the church.

2. In what ways should you lead your family to pray for the church?

i. _____	vi. _____
ii. _____	vii. _____
iii. _____	viii. _____
iv. _____	ix. _____
v. _____	

3. According to the quote below, why does prayer need to start at home?

“In too many households prayer is neglected. Parents feel that they have no time for morning and evening worship. They cannot spare a few moments to be spent in thanksgiving to God for His abundant mercies--for the blessed sunshine and the showers of rain, which cause vegetation to flourish, and for the guardianship of holy angels. They have no time to offer prayer for divine help and guidance and for the abiding presence of Jesus in the household. They go forth to labor as the ox or the horse goes, without one thought of God or heaven. They have souls so precious that rather than permit them to be hopelessly lost, the Son of God gave His life to ransom them; but they have little more appreciation of His great goodness than have the beasts that perish.” – Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 143.

Point 2 – Worshipping together as a family.

Reference verses: 1 Corinthians 7:14; 2 Timothy 1:5

- 4. What affect does worship, both at home and at the church, have on the family?

“Those who seek to lessen the claims of God's holy law are striking directly at the foundation of the government of families and nations. Religious parents, failing to walk in His statutes, do not command their household to keep the way of the Lord. The law of God is not made the rule of life. The children, as they make homes of their own, feel under no obligation to teach their children what they themselves have never been taught. And this is why there are so many godless families; this is why depravity is so deep and widespread.” – Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 143

Point 3 – Falling deeply in love with the Bride of Christ.

Reference verses: Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 1:22; 2 Corinthians 6:11; Philippians 1:8

- 5. Why is it so important for you to teach your family to love the Bride of Christ?

- 6. If the home gives a smaller view of the what the church is like, why is it so important for God’s love to be its foundation?

“From every Christian home a holy light should shine forth. Love should be revealed in action. It should flow out in all home intercourse, showing itself in thoughtful kindness, in gentle, unselfish courtesy. There are homes where this principle is carried out -- homes where God is worshiped and truest love reigns. From these homes morning and evening prayer ascends to God as sweet incense, and His mercies and blessings descend upon the suplicants like the morning dew.” – Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 144

Conclusion:

- 7. How will you lead your family to become passionately in love with the church?
