

FAMILY TIME—THE MISSING INGREDIENT

OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

I. “DADDY, WOULD YOU PLAY WITH ME A LITTLE BIT?”

II. THE NEED

- A. A common failure — In the hurry of modern life, family time is lost.
- B. A recognized Need — Families are breaking apart. Values are breaking down.
- C. A Sought Answer — Families are seeking the answer for that missing ingredient and how we can bring it back into our homes, because it was God’s desire.

III. GREAT ENEMIES

- A. Monkey Collecting.
- B. Misplaced priorities.
- C. Neglect.
- D. Fatigue.
- E. TV.
- F. Satan.

IV. THE WORKING PRINCIPLES OF FAMILY TIME

V. SOME SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS

- A. Beginning a Family Time notebook of ideas notebook.
- B. Establishing “Family Council”.
- C. Maintain daily family devotions.
- D. Set aside a “family night”.
- E. Get the family to bed for adequate rest.
- F. Facing the TV problem.
- G. Stressing “TOGETHERNESS”.
- H. Have at least one meal all together daily (supper if possible).
- I. Build happy family traditions (“Special” foods, games, activities, days, seasons, places, nights, expressions, etc.).
- J. Organizing the house — a place for every-thing and everything in its place.
- K. Keep family time materials, supplies, etc. accessible for immediate use.
- L. Entertaining others.
- M. Vacations (Plan and Save all year).
- N. Visits to relatives.
- O. Hobbies
- P. Shopping (Grocery, Dept, Window).
- Q. Routine family work (Cooking, dishes, clothes, cleaning, car, farm work, etc.).
- R. Sightseeing drives.
- S. Revivals and special meetings.

- T. Sitting together as a family at church.
- U. Games at home (Ping-Pong, caroms, checkers, aggravation, scrabble, Bible games, etc.).
- V. Walks.
- W. Picnics.
- X. Activities where one member is participating (sports, programs, etc.).
- Y. Markets, special sales.
- Z. Bicycling.
- AA. Jogging.
- BB. Bus ministry and other visitation.
- CC. Puzzles.
- DD. Music at home (singing, instruments, etc.).
- EE. Reading good books.
- FF. Family films or videos.
- GG. Innovative healthy snacks.
- HH. Making items to be given or sold later.
- II. Sunday as a special day.
- JJ. Home dedication.
- KK. Big Birthday celebrations.
- LL. Visiting shut-ins.
- MM. Photo albums (family and for each child).
- NN. Family memories cassette tapes.
- OO. Zoo trips.
- PP. Admitting when wrong and asking for prayer.
- QQ. Loving hugs and squeezes.
- RR. Complimentary words.
- SS. Dates at home.

VI. WORK AT IT — YOUR FAMILY IS WORTH IT!”

VII. DO IT NOW — THE PRECIOUS YEARS ARE SLIPPING THROUGH YOUR FINGERS!!”

VIII. YOU WILL NEVER REGRET THE TIME SPENT WITH YOUR FAMILY — BUT YOU MAY LIVE TO REGRET THE TIME YOU DIDN’T!

IX. YOUR PERSONAL ‘FAMILY-TIME’ INVENTORY:

- A. Things your family does together:
- B. Things your family does individually

CONCLUSION

PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT