

Family 1st



Sunday Morning Series

Creating Quality Time

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this lesson we will focus on the necessity of creating good quality time together. What ever happened to the family life? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Family Time Increases Loyalty

- A. Strong families (with family ties) should be hard to break (**Ruth 1-2**).
- B. Strong families should be easier to find (**Psalm 103:17**).
- C. Strong families should be loyal to Christ and one another (**Psalm 127:1**).

II. Family Time Improves Communication

- A. Families need to know one another (**Colossians 3:18-20**).
- B. Families need to help one another (**Hebrews 13:16**).
- C. Families need to bless one another (**Genesis 25:31-34, 27:1-33, 49:1-28**).

III. Family Time Initiates Growth

- A. Family time should be a happy time (seven suggestions).
 - 1. Share meals together.
 - 2. Do house and yard work together.
 - 3. Play together.
 - 4. Enjoy religious and school activities together.
 - 5. Spend special events together.
 - 6. Have leisure time together.
 - 7. Have family devotionals together .
- B. Family time should be about quality AND quantity.
- C. Family time should be fun experience.

Conclusion: God's word says that we were made for each other. God's word also reminds us that there is no place like home. If you are not being a godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you! If you have not been added to the family of God, come and take the steps necessary for salvation. Your Heavenly Father is waiting for you now!