

Family 1st



Sunday Morning Series

Defending Strong Morals

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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 specific lesson we will focus on defending strong morals. There is a need for morality and Christian ethics in today's world. Even non-believers can appreciate those who stand up for and defend righteous principles. We need to learn how to stand up for what we know is right (**Proverbs 1:2-9**). Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Strong Families Are Built on Faith

- A. Strong families have love and conviction (**Mark 12:30**).
- B. Strong families have hope and assurance (**Hebrews 11:1, 6**).
- C. Strong families have purpose and meaning (**Romans 8:28, 31**).

II. Strong Families Are Branded By God's Word

- A. Strong families have rules and guidelines (**Proverbs 6:20-23**).
- B. Strong families have freedom and peace (**Proverbs 8:32-36**).
- C. Strong families have confidence and optimism (**Proverbs 9:10-11**).

III. Strong Families Are Bound By Covenant

- A. Strong families worship with one another (**Psalms 122:1-4**).
- B. Strong families teach one another (**Deuteronomy 6:6-9**).
- C. Strong families support one another (**Luke 15:11-32**).

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 living and behaving as a godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. There is still time to set things straight. Do you need prayers for other things 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!