

## Family Values

Our Values are those core beliefs we measure our choices by.

Thousands of years ago, God gave 10 values for family living.

They are lasting values that have stood the test of time.

### **Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

We need to understand that God gave these commands to help us, not to hurt us.

To free us not restrict us; to protect us, not to punish us.

### I. THE COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT IN RANDOM ORDER.

The first commandment is first, because it' is fundamental to all the rest.

### **Exodus 20:1-3**

**" You must not have any other god but me. "**

A god could be anything that dominates or controls your life. ANYTHING!

This is a foundational principle for life that we dare not overlook.

To build on the right foundation means putting God first in everything.

### **Proverbs 3:6**

When we put Him first, He has promised to direct us and crown our efforts with success.

### II. TANGIBLE WAYS TO PUT GOD FIRST.

#### **F – FINANCES - Proverbs 3:9**

Put God first in your finances.

If He's not first in your finances, He's probably not first in your life.

#### **I – INTERESTS - 1 Corinthians 10:31**

Put God first in your interests.

You do it, by putting God first in everything you do.

If God is first in your life you're going to make Him a part of your life.

#### **R – RELATIONSHIPS - Proverbs 27:19**

Put God first in your relationships.

If you want God first in your relationships,

you are going to have to choose your friends carefully. - **Proverbs 12:26**

#### **S – SCHEDULE - Ephesians 5:15-17**

Put God first in your schedule.

If you think you need to be in two places at one time,

one of them is not an obligation. **1 Corinthians 14:33**

#### **T – TROUBLES - Psalm 50:15**

Trust God first with your troubles.

Worry is the warning light that God is not first in this part your life,

### III. PERSONAL PRIORITY CHECK

Is God first in every area of your life?

You can only build a strong family as you build on the right foundation.

That can only happen as we honor the first commandment and we put God first.

Make sure God is FIRST in your

Finances, Interests, Relationships, Schedule, Troubles. **Exodus 20:3**