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FAMILY PORTRAIT **([Psalm 128:3-6](#))**

I. “TRADITIONAL” FAMILY: KEEP IT TOGETHER!

1. Obey God’s word as a spouse.

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery. (Hebrews 13:4) NLT

2. Obey God’s word as a parent.

And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again. Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:5-9) NLT

II. SINGLE PARENT FAMILY: PARTNER WITH GOD

Both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her. “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.” But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.” (Ruth 1:5,14-17) NIV

Your consistency, plus God’s consistency, can overcome any other inconsistency.

Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives. (Proverbs 22:6) GNT

III. CHILDLESS FAMILY: FOCUS ON OTHERS

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. (Luke 2:36-38) NIV

Your service to others enriches the body of Christ and encourages many to become children of God.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. (Hebrews 6:10) NIV

IV. SINGLE FAMILY: STAY CLOSE TO YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY – THE CHURCH

You are a member of the greatest family in the world! Live a holy life that will attract others to Jesus and this family.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19,22) NIV