Families Serving God

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INTRODUCTION

- But as for me and my house, as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.
- Let me submit that this is important first because of God. Because of God, because God wants families to serve Him.
- Family serving God is important to God. And it's important to the local church, and it's also important to our society.

1 Worship God With Our Family

- Like the people that we read about in the time of Nehemiah, worshiping God is a way in which we can serve God with our family.
- Getting up together as a family on the Lord's Day. Getting dressed, being on time for Bible classes, participating and helping each other stay engaged.
- Give our children some money to put in the collection box so they can learn right now about the value and the need to give to support God's work.
- Encourage our children to sing, to sing loud, to sing out, and not just sit there in the pew.
- We talk to God through prayer as a family, discuss the things we've learned today in the car ride on the way home.

2 Grow in the Word of God With Our Family

Acts 10:24

- Cornelius was waiting for them, and he had called together his relatives and close friends.
- Cornelius was the kind of man who believed in studying the word of God with his family.
- Like Cornelius does here, we can make opportunities to grow in the word of God with our family.
- We can carve out at least 20 or 30 minutes a day to read the Bible with our kids.
- We can discuss with our kids at the breakfast table the spiritual struggles and the spiritual doubts they're having right now. And then we can use the word of God to help them work through those things.

3 Pray for Others With Our Family

- We can pray for others with our family.
- We need to pray for all men, and we need to pray for one another, and we need to pray for workers in the kingdom, and we need to pray for brethren who confess their sins.
- Every single day with my family, I should be praying for the people God tells me to pray for.

4 Serve Others in the Church With Our Families

Titus 2:14

- Jesus gave himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed and to purify for himself a people for his own possession, zealous, excited for good deeds.
- He wants us and our families to be excited and passionate and looking for ways to be involved in his work.
- We can greet guests. With our family, we can thank them for being here.
- We can also write cards or make phone calls to all the sick people who are listed in our bulletin this morning, and we can check on widows.
- We don't have to say, well, that's the job of the elders. No, I can do that with my family.

5 Practice Faith Beyond the Church

2 Timothy 1:5

- For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I'm sure that it is in you as well.
- Timothy was the kind of guy that what you see on Sunday is what you get all the time.
- Like Lois and Eunice did for Timothy, we can also practice real and genuine faith before our kids every single day.
- We have to live for the Lord every day. That's what being a Christian is all about.
- We're going to continue to trust God and praise God and be thankful to God, no matter what challenges come our way as a family.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you part of the church? Are you part of God's family?**

MY NOTES