

Strengthening Family

The Core Values Series – Part 6

Big Idea

- The institution of the family, as created & defined by God (for the purpose of human _____), is under sustained _____ in modern society.
- Christians must therefore be _____ and fight _____ their families.
- The ideological enemies of the family have two main objectives:
 1. To _____ marriage and the family away from its God-ordained meaning.
 2. To strip the family of its God-ordained _____ and to re-assign them to the _____.

Meet the Family

- Eli was a godly man of considerable _____ & _____. His sons, however, had no _____ for the LORD.
- The sons were mishandling the _____; they were also having affairs with women who served with them in the temple.
- Eli _____ his sons, but they didn't listen to him.
- Surprisingly, the LORD pinned much of the _____ on Eli.

Lesson #1

- Being a fighter for your family means you will not allow yourself to become _____ with your job or career.
- It is the pursuit of _____ that has done the most to weaken the family in modern times.

Lesson #2

- Being a fighter for your family means you will not fail to _____ your children.
- 3 basic parenting styles:
 1. The _____ parent (least effective)
 2. The _____ parent (more effective)
 3. The _____ parent (most effective)

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Lesson #3

- Being a fighter for your family means you never _____ .
- _____% of the homeless in Wichita have a father who gave up on them.
- What husbands and dads do: “*They _____ the _____.*”

Apply the Gospel

- There are likely some who have _____ about past failures.
- Two truths:
 1. Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross _____ your transgression and _____ your shame.
 2. God promises to help you repair the _____ and empower you from this point forward to be a _____ for your family.