

# **FAMILY NURISHMENT: God's UNIQUE Role for Disciples**

**John 21:12-18 & Acts 20:28-30**

- **All great change in America begins at the dinner table.**

Ronald Reagan

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- **God's family is one that lines up with biblical principles and one in which each member understands and fulfills his or her God-given role. The family is not an institution designed by man. It was created by God for the benefit of man, and man has been given stewardship over it. The basic biblical family unit is comprised of one man, one woman—his spouse—and their offspring or adopted children.** <https://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-family.html>
- **A group of people, usually of the same blood (but do not have to be), who genuinely love, trust, care about, and look out for each other.** <https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=family>
- **A family is a group of people who want as well as choose to be together embraced by a bond so powerful and strong that not even the slightest test of trials or troubles can breach.** <https://www.theodysseyonline.com/the-true-meaning-of-family>

## John 21:12-18 (Three Appearances, Same Command).

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**12** Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

**13** Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

**14** This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

**15** So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, loveth thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. **He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.**

## (Three Appearances, Same Command) Cont.

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- **16** He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, loveth thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. **He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.**
- **17** He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, loveth thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Loveth thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. **Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.**
- **18** Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not.

## **Acts 20:28-30kjv (Becoming Family Conscious and Diligent)**

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- **28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- **29** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
- **30** Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

# Scriptural Wisdom-Nuggets on Family Nourishing.

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- **1 John 4:20 (NIV)** Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.
- **Colossians 3:13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- **Galatians 6:2, 10** Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

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- **Matthew 18:20** For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.
- **Hebrews 10:24-25** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
- **1 Peter 4:8-11** Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

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- **Ephesians 4:2-3**, Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- **Proverbs 11:29**, Whoever brings ruin on their family will inherit only wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise.
- **1 Timothy 5:8**, But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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- **James 2:14-17**, What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
- **1 John 4:12-14** No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

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Part 2: we are one members

Part 3:

John chapter 15:1-27.