

Sunday Morning, April 30, 2006
Broadfording Bible Brethren Church
24/7 Family

I. 24/7 Family

A. God wants to _____.

“²²Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord... ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband... ¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right... ⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 5:22, 25, 33; 6:1, 4 (NIV).

B. God wants to use your family to _____.

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“But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” I Peter 1:15-16 (NIV).

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ¹⁸Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.” Colossians 3:12-21 (NIV).

C. God wants to use your family as a _____.

“Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:10-11 (NIV).

“Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit. ⁹Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more. ¹¹Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹²so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders.” I Thessalonians 4:1-12a (NIV).

II. Conclusion

Are you allowing God to do _____ on you?

Are you allowing God to use your family to _____?

Is your family declaring God to the world to help the _____?