

“By God’s Design: Family Traits”

Text: Genesis 12:1-5; 18:14-19

Sunday, August 2, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

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Introduction: Society has for many years worked to redefine the family. Who or what makes up a family? What should be the traits of a family? And so much more... In this sermon we look at family character traits by God’s design.

History has shown it to be true that “as the family goes so goes the nation.” This is proving to be true once again in the USA.

The first mention of families in the Bible is in Genesis 10 and 12. Our starting point for this message is in Genesis 12:1-5 where there are some of the character traits found.

I. A Family needs Biblical _____ (Gen. 12:4a).

- A. Love for the _____ (Matt. 22:35-38).
- B. Love of the _____ (Matt. 22:39-40).
- C. Love for the _____ (Ps. 119:165).
- D. Love for _____ and _____ (Eph. 5 & 6).

II. A Family Needs Biblical _____ (Luke 18:18-30).

- A. Life _____ (Luke 18:23).
- B. Life as a _____ (Gen. 13:1-ff).

III. The Family Needs Biblical _____ (Gen. 18:19).

Conclusion: God designed the family in the beginning of His creation. And a family living by His design can and will succeed in every way. The failure of a nation is the failure of the family to live by God’s design.

Will your family be one that is living by God’s design? Will you fulfill your part of living by God’s design in your family?

“Paul’s Striving to Do God’s Will”

Text: Acts 21:1-15

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Introduction: In our text we pick up where we left off in chapter 20, Paul is convinced the will of God for his life is to go up to Jerusalem. It is also that the friends of Paul were persuaded that some kind of harm will befall Paul if he continues the journey. They are troubled, so much so, they ask Paul not to go.

It is similar to the story about Jesus when he told his disciples he must go to Jerusalem and there die. The disciples loved Jesus and dying was not part of their plan for the Lord. So, they begin to beg Jesus not to go. But you and I know it was God’s will that Jesus go to Jerusalem, die on cross, to be buried in a tomb, and then three days later raise from the grave and today is alive.

I. The Disciples’ _____ in Tyre (Vss. 1-6).

II. The Prophet’s _____ in Caesarea (Vss. 7-12).

III. The Personal _____ to Do God’s Will (Vss. 13-15).

A. Can be _____ (vs. 13a).

B. Must be _____ (vs. 13b).

C. Must be _____ (vs. 14).

Conclusion: I believe there are some here who know what God’s will for your life is...others who are seeking God’s will. There are some maybe who have never given much thought to the subject .

There are some things we can know about the will of God.

It is God’s will that you be _____.

It is God’s will that you be _____ in your relationship with Him.

It is God’s will that you be _____ for His purpose.

It is God’s will that you be a _____.

Paul was striving to do God’s will for his life! What about you?