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Family Ministry Owned and Operated By God



















## IN LIVING PARABLES

"FAMILY"

## What Percentage of Communication Is Non-Verbal?

## 90% or more!



#### THE INFLUENCE OF FAMILY

One well-ordered, well-disciplined family tells more in behalf of Christianity than all the sermons that can be preached. Such a family gives evidence that the parents have been successful in following God's directions, and that their children will serve Him in the church. Their influence grows; for as they impart, they receive to impart again. The father and mother find helpers in their children, who give to others the instruction received in the home. The neighborhood in which they live is helped, for in it they have become enriched for time and for eternity. The whole family is engaged in the service of the Master; and by their godly example, others are inspired to be faithful and true to God in dealing with His flock, His beautiful flock.  $[4] - {AH 32.1}$ 

#### THE INFLUENCE OF FAMILY

The greatest evidence of the power of Christianity that can be presented to the world is a well-ordered, well-disciplined family. This will recommend the truth as nothing else can, for it is a living witness of its practical power upon the heart. The best test of the Christianity of a home is the type of character begotten by its influence. Actions speak louder than the most positive profession of godliness. [6] – {AH 32.3} – AH 32.1-3



#### UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Unity in Diversity—[John 17:20, 21 quoted.] What kind of unity is spoken of in these words?—Unity in diversity. Our minds do not all run in the same channel, and we have not all been given the same work. God has given to every man his work according to his several ability. There are different kinds of work to be done, and workers of varied capabilities are needed. If our hearts are humble, if we have learned in the school of Christ to be meek and lowly, we may all press together in the narrow path marked out for us (Manuscript 52, 1904). – {5BC 1148.1}

#### Our Various Gifts

• All meet as blood-bought souls, alike dependent upon One who hath redeemed them to God. The Lord has lent them talents to improve. Those whom he has intrusted with money, bring their talent of means to the Master. The men and women of influence use that which God has given them. The ones whom he has endowed with wisdom, bring to the cross of Christ this gift to be used to his glory. And the poor have their talent, which perhaps may be larger than any other mentioned. It may be simplicity of character, humility, tried virtue, and confidence in God. Through patient toil, through their entire dependence upon God, they are pointing those with whom they associate to Jesus, their Redeemer. They have a heart full of sympathy for the poor, a home for the needy and oppressed, and their testimony is clear and decided as to what Jesus is to them. They seek for glory, honor, and immortality, and their reward will be eternal life. In the human brotherhood it takes all classes of talents to make a perfect whole; and the church of Christ is composed of all ranks, all classes, and varied talents. God never designed that the pride of men should dissolve that which his own wisdom had ordained,-the combination of all classes of minds, of all the varied talents that make a complete whole.

#### HARDWORK

All who become coworkers with Christ will have a great deal of hard, uncongenial labor to perform, and their lessons of instruction should be wisely chosen, and adapted to their peculiarities of character, and the work which they are to pursue.—Gospel Workers, 332, 333

The obedience that Christ rendered God requires from human beings today. He served His Father with love, in willingness and freedom. "I delight to do Thy will, O My God," He declared; "yea, Thy law is within My heart." Psalm 40:8. Christ counted no sacrifice too great, no toil too hard, in order to accomplish the work which He came to do. At the age of twelve He said, "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" Luke 2:49. He had heard the call, and had taken up the work. "My meat," He said, "is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." John 4:34. – {COL 282.

#### MORE DIRECT LABOR

The more direct our labor for our fellow men, the greater good will be accomplished.... You must come close to those for whom you labor, that they may not only hear your voice, but shake your hand, learn your principles, and realize your sympathy.—The Review and Herald, December 8, 1885. – {Ev 438.3}

Many can be reached only through acts of disinterested kindness. Their physical wants must first be relieved. As they see evidence of our unselfish love, it will be easier for them to believe in the love of Christ. –  $\{Ev 545.2\}$ .

### CHRIST METHOD ALONE

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. <u>He showed</u> <u>His sympathy for them</u>, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me."—The Ministry of Healing, 143. {ChS 119.3}

#### What Does It Mean to Sympathize?

If we love Jesus, we shall love to live for Him, to present our thank offerings to Him, to labor for Him. The very labor will be light. For His sake we shall covet pain and toil and sacrifice. <u>We shall sympathize</u> <u>with His longing for the salvation of men. We</u> <u>shall feel the same tender craving for souls that</u> <u>He has felt.</u> – {COL 49.3}

#### Medical Missionary Testimony on 10 DAY

I had the privilege to volunteer for two 10 day challenges with the Vineyard cafe. In my experience I was able to see how effective a center of influence in a city can be. This was more than just a business, more than just a restaurant, I saw a ministry and a light. I saw a whole town being revived with the hope of healing. As I worked with the different participants of the 10 day challenge it was encouraging to see the growth and how they chose to do the things they have never done before, I saw hope in their faces, I saw willingness and I saw a search for more. I enjoyed being able to go to their homes so often, making a very personal contact together, a lasting one. And I enjoyed being able to see their lives day by day being transformed, mentally, spiritually and physically.

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#### POWER OF UNITY

• The hearts of those who had been converted under the labors of the apostles, were softened and united by <u>Christian love</u>. Despite former prejudices, all were in harmony with one another. Satan knew that so long as this union continued to exist, he would be powerless to check the progress of gospel truth; and he sought to take advantage of former habits of thought, in the hope that thereby he might be able to introduce into the church elements of disunion. – {AA 87.3}

If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, <u>they would move the world</u>.— Testimonies for the Church 9:221.

#### BROTHERLY LOVE = UNITY





#### GOD LOVE PERFECTED IN US 1 JOHN 2 5-6

<sup>o<sup>5</sup></sup> But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him

°<sup>6</sup> He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.