

**Series:** Five: Timeless Values for Today's Church

**Title:** Family Focus

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"There is one more thing I wish I could leave you all – the salvation of Jesus Christ. With this, though you had nothing else, you could be happy. Without this, though you had all things, you could never be happy." **Patrick Henry's Last Will and Testament to His Children**

"We desire to provide biblical ministries that support and empower families." **Core Value, Tabernacle Baptist Church**

Pivotal passages that undergird this passion include Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 127:3; Proverbs 22:6; Psalm 78:1-8; Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; and Joshua 24:15.

*In what follows, we will examine our commitment to the family by looking at five ideas from Scripture....*

## 1. **GOD AND FAMILY**

Genesis 1:28

"The most important of such institutions, according to Christian teaching, is the family. And that institution is being pushed more and more into the background. It is being pushed into the background by undue encroachments of the community and of the state. Modern life is tending more and more toward the contraction of the sphere of parental control and parental influence...A revival of the Christian religion would unquestionably bring a reversal of the process; the family, as over against all other social institutions, would come to its rights again." **J. Gresham Machen**

## 2. **JESUS AND FAMILY**

Mark 10:6-9

## 3. **SATAN AND FAMILY**

Genesis 3:15

## 4. **THE FAMILY AND FAMILY**

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Ephesians 6:4

“Every Christian family ought to be as it were a little church, consecrated to Christ, and wholly influenced and governed by his rules. And family education and order are some of the chief of the means of grace.” **Jonathan Edwards**

## **5. THE CHURCH AND FAMILY**

“Christian parents need help in a variety of areas. In particular they need help with regard to family worship. Most Christian dads feel inadequate when it comes to teaching the Bible to their children.” **David Murray**