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Building a Family to Last

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We are made to
belong.

And we all belong
to a family.

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Why did God put us together? What goals does he want us to accomplish as a family? How can we get the most of our years together?

Karen Scalf Linamen

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We are hardwired to
Connect

Genesis 2:18 (KJV)

And the Lord God said, It is
not good that the man
should be alone;

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Ecclesiastes 4:8 (AMP)

Here is one alone — no one with him; he neither has child nor brother. Yet there is no end to all his labor, neither is his eye satisfied with riches...

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**Building a
Family requires
Skill**

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Proverbs 24:3 (AMP)

Through skillful and godly
Wisdom is a house (a life, a
home, a family) built, and
by understanding it is
established [on a sound
and good foundation],

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Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

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**Building a Family that
will last requires
time together**

We call this Fellowship

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**The Average
American
Teenager is Spending
Two days per Week
Unsupervised**

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**Building a Family to
last requires our
home life must
become a
Priority**

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**Priorities are
measured in Time
That time must be
given in Quantity and
Quality**

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**Time represents our
Priorities and our
Values**

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How can we make the most of
our time together?

**Ephesians 5:16 (NKJV)
redeeming the time,
because the days are evil.**

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Children are not casual guests in our home. They have been loaned to us temporarily for the purpose of loving them and instilling a foundation of values on which their future lives will be built.

Dr. James Dobson

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Three Opportunities to Redeem the Time:

Meal Time

Travel Time

Bed Time

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Meal Time

Deut. 6:6-7 (NIV)

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

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Great Meal Time Moments:
Passover
Feeding the Multitude
The Lord's Supper

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Lessons on the Road:
The Exodus
Psalms of Ascent
The Road to Emmaus

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Luke 24:32 (NIV)

They asked each other,
“Were not our hearts
burning within us while he
talked with us on the road
and opened the Scriptures
to us?”

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Bed Time

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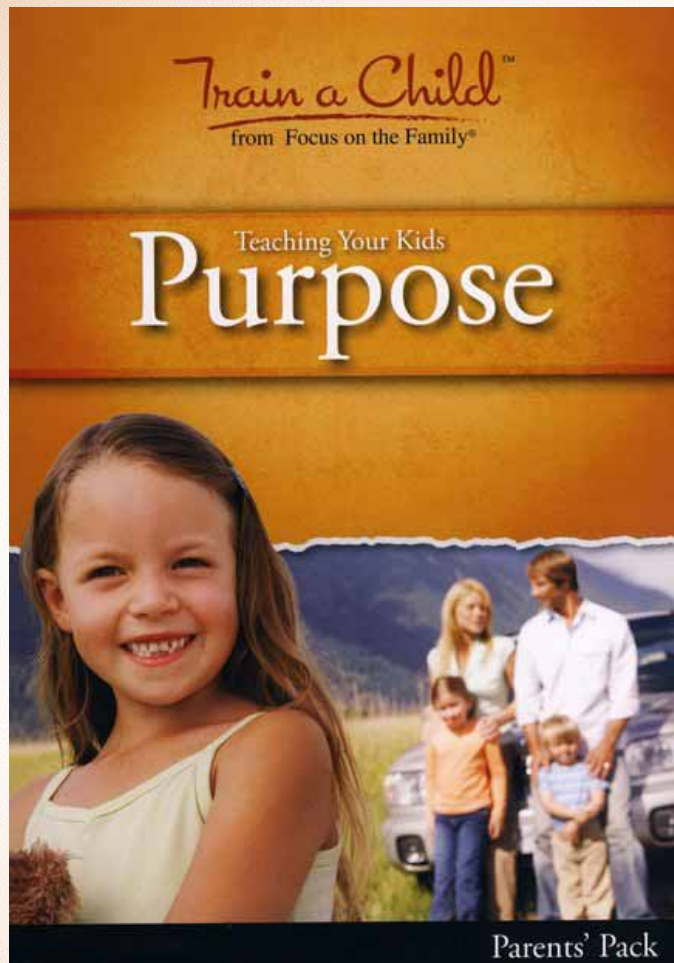


Ending the day with Purpose

David: Psalms 42:8 (TLB)

Yet day by day the Lord also pours out his steadfast love upon me, and through the night I sing his songs and pray to God who gives me life.

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Devotions
To use at
bedtime can be
found at the
Information
Center

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**To understand more
about the
Family that lasts join
Sunday School
And a Small Group**

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Sunday School

It includes a Bible
Study and

Small Group Discussion

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Small Groups

Meet during the week
and include

Ideas share by well
known speakers and
Group Discussion

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This week begin to fill out

CHARTING YOUR FAMILY'S SPIRITUAL COURSE

Your Family Journey - A Look Back

Where were you born?
What culture of the place influenced you?

Where did you grow up?
What culture of these places influenced you?

How many children were in your family? ___ Brothers ___ Sisters ___

What place was your first family?

How did the influence you?

My Family Tree

We are influenced as much by our present family home, but by our ancestors. Fill out the chart above. Find out when and where each person was born. Were there certain customs of the times they lived?

Place a cross next to every member of the family you know to be a Christian. Write in the space below any legacy the ancestors left. Share these with your family.

Charting your Family's Spiritual Course

Your Family Journey

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**Time together meets three
needs in every family:**

Spiritual Care

Emotional Care

Physical Care