

Family Essentials

(Proverbs 24:3) It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong.

✓ _____ faith.

(Proverbs 14:26 LB) Reverence for the Lord gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security.

✓ _____ schedules.

(Psalm 39:6 NLT) We are merely moving shadows, and all our busy rushing ends in nothing.

(Ecclesiastes 4:6 GN) It is better to have only a little, with peace of mind, than be busy all the time...

✓ _____ purpose.

(Acts 20:24) However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me...

(Ephesians 4:29) Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.

✓ _____ relationships.

(Proverbs 27:19 GN) A mirror reflects a man's face but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.

(Proverbs 13:20) He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

(2 Corinthians 6:14) Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

✓ _____ grace.

(Ephesians 4:32) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

A Time to Gather Stones

(Ecclesiastes 3:5) There is a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them.

(Genesis 31:44-46) "Come now, let's make a covenant, you and I, and let it serve as a witness between us." So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. He said to his relatives, "Gather some stones." So they took stones and piled them in a heap, and they ate there by the heap.

1. _____ my own mistakes.

(Romans 3:23) For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

(Matthew 7:3-5) "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

2. _____ my right to get even.

(Romans 12:19) Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord.

3. _____ God's grace to my relationships.

(1 John 4:8-11) Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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✓ Authentic faith.

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✓ Intentional schedules.

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✓ Discovering purpose.

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✓ Amazing grace.

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1. Acknowledge my own mistakes.

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2. Abandon my right to get even.

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3. Apply God's grace to my relationships.

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