# 5. DO IT AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE DAY

# - Let God Start Your Day!

- As stated earlier, be considerate and flexible in scheduling Family Worship daily.

# - Demonstrate that God is Priority

- Charles Spurgeon said, "If there is no visible difference between you and the world, depend upon it, there is no invisible difference." We are called to be a light to the world, but most importantly, we are called to keep the lamp of God's Word lit in our own families!

# - Timing Allows Hearts to be Receptive

- As stated earlier, be considerate and flexible in scheduling Family Worship daily.

# - Give God All of the Glory!

- Most families today can find time after work or school, around dinner time, and before bed, to sit down and have Family Worship. What a great opportunity to build faith as a family, by observing how God has answered prayers throughout the day, ultimately demonstrating His faithfulness!

No man can enter a strong mans house and plunder his goods except he first bind the strong man. Oh! The importance of The Master of the House!

# You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, Deuteronomy 11:1920

IT'S SO EASY- EVERYONE IS DOING IT!

# 6. NOW YOU ARE TRAINED. GO DO IT!

# - Why Not?

- Why not try it? Why not put Family Worship into practice? What is the worst that could happen in providing an opportunity for the family to discuss the Word of God and pray for one another?

### - Review these "Best Practices"

- The whole point of Family Worship is for the Master of the House to wash the family in the Word of God. Our families need daily washing!

# - Implement Plans and Goals

- Family Worship changes lives! The best part? It's so easy, everybody is doing it! It's so easy even a child can do it!

Don't leave the Word at church, take it to your house too!

# Best Practices

# **FAMILY WORSHIP TIPS**



# The Family Bible Revolution

FamilyBibleRevolution.com

The Master's House tmhnow.org

# 1. OPEN THE BIBLE

# - Open in Prayer

- Who? The Master of the House (leader/owner) could read or he/she could ask a member of the household to open with a quick prayer.

### - Find a Text

- Find scriptures that address the specific needs of the family
- Use other resources such as flashcards/devotionals/books/biblical materials
- Search online for scriptures that relate to a specific subject or topic

# 2. READ IT TO YOUR FAMILY

# - Read the Scripture, Passage, or Biblical Material to All in the House.

- Be sensitive and considerate of time.
- Be flexible in scheduling Family Worship to accommodate schedules, but to make sure Family Worship does occur daily in the home.
- Repeated exposure aids in remembering scripture as well as planting the Word firmly in our hearts.
- Another household member could reread the scripture/passage if necessary to aid in discussion.

# 3. DISCUSS IT FOR HOW IT SHOULD CHANGE YOUR THINKING AND LIVING

### - Ask Questions

- Draw your family/household out of their shells.
- Engage them. Let them interact. Dig deeper.

# - The Master of the House should Wait to Give Comments <u>Last</u>

- Summarize by saying; "What I hear you saying is..."
- Affirm that God spoke the same word to your heart if applicable.

### - Silence can be Good

- -Don't mind the silent moments. Let your family members/household process and think.
- Smile and wait patiently. This truly does let others know that you are willing to wait for their responses and that their responses are valuable to you.

# - Take Responses and Set a Goal

- Set an action plan to not only change your "thinking", but to also change your "living."

# - Create a "Secure" Atmosphere that Encourages Response through Trust and Allows the Holy Spirit to do His work in All Hearts Present

- Be open-minded to other's thought processes and responses.
- Be a good listener.
- Be sensitive, compassionate, and gentle.
- What is discussed in Family Worship must stay secure and safe.

# 4. PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, THE SAINTS AND THE LOST

### - Ask Questions

- Ask "Do you have a prayer request?"
- Ask "Do you have someone we need to pray for?" In this case, ask if they would be willing to pray for that person since they know them best.

# - Encourage Prayers of Any Length

- Encourage others to simply pray from the pureness of their hearts, not worried about time, but focused on faith.

# - Model Earnest Prayer

- Those who hesitate to pray aloud might become more comfortable if led by example.
- Be the same person in prayer with your family as you would be in prayer by yourself.

# - Start and End the Prayer

- Allowing the middle of the prayer to be open, gives others the chance to pray without the pressure of opening or ending the prayer.

# - Pray Different Types of Prayer

- Pray the scripture! Insert your name, or your family into the Word of God and confess His will over your lives!
- Sing a prayer of thanksgiving, praise, or worship.