

# **Disciple's Relationship to His Family**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus increased in wisdom, physically, spiritually and socially. (Luke 2:52)
- B. God must supply those needs, but we can be God's hands and feet.

## II. Wisdom.

- A. We live our lives in the mind.
- B. We should control our thought patterns through the Bible.
- C. We would be wise to pursue a well-rounded education for the family.
- D. The mind should continually be built up through reading and study.
- E. In the spring of life we are to work hard to develop our skills.

## III. The physical.

- A. This means the proper rest, exercise and diet. (Matthew 7:13-14)
- B. A person who is physically fit can be better fit in all the other areas.
- C. The key is a change in mindset.
- D. Help people where they know they need help.

## IV. The spiritual.

- A. It takes time to be spiritual. (1 Timothy 4:7-8)
- B. Protect each other's time so that you can maintain spiritual fitness.

## V. The social.

- A. It is helpful to introduce to your spouse your friends and your relationships with others.
- B. This can help a spouse when the other has passed away to be reminded of the deceased.

## VI. Three things that could be a snare in your walk with Christ.

- A. Pride. We should be careful to dispute minor areas of doctrine.
- B. Possessions.

C. Purity. (Proverbs 4:12, Proverbs 4:25-26, Job 31:1, 1 Timothy 5:1-2, 1 Corinthians 7:2, Genesis 2:18, 2:24, Proverbs 18:22, 19:14, 1 Timothy 2:22, 1 Timothy 2:11, Deuteronomy 4:9, Exodus 24:17)

1. We are to keep our eyes straight on us.

2. Women are to dress in a godly manner without provoking basic reactions in men.

D. We do all we can to keep things together.

**Application questions**

1. Why is it important to give our family time to grow in the different areas of life?

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2. Why is purity so difficult today, and what can we do to keep it?

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3. Which of the areas of growth is God pointing out to you the most right now? What is your plan for growing in this area?

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