

# About Growing Together @ Home

Growing Together @ Home is a  
brief guide provided by the South  
Bumby Church to give our families a  
framework they can use as they study  
from God's word and pray  
together at home.

## Other Things To Do This Week:

- [1] Memorize: (James 1:15 NKJV) "Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."
- [2] Help your children prepare their lessons for Bible class. Let your children help you prepare for Bible Class.

Crypto-Quote:

(Each letter stands for another letter. For example, replace each occurrence of F with D)

FZ EZP DZKN PQN LZHDF ZH PQN

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PQJESC JE PQN LZHDF. JY

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XEOZEN DZKNC PQN LZHDF, PQN

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DZKN ZY PQN YXPQNH JC EZP JE

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*A Weekly Guide  
For Family  
Devotions*

Those who  
love Your law  
have great  
peace, And  
nothing  
causes them  
to stumble.

Ps. 119:165

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# Lust of the Eyes

## DAY ONE

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read together 1 John 2:16-17, and discuss the meaning of this passage. Along with this, consider the dictionary definition of "lust"

1. Intense or unrestrained sexual craving.
2. (a) An overwhelming desire or craving: a lust for power.  
(b) Intense eagerness or enthusiasm: a lust for life.

- [1] Often when lust is talked about, only definition #1 is considered. Consider and discuss lust in light of the results it produces — using primarily definition #2
- [2] Of the three things identified with the world, how many of these involve lust?
- [3] What is the "lust of the eye"?
- [4] What does it mean to be "of the world"?

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss how people today have desires that are obsessive and unrestrained. Are these harmful? In what way? Is this characteristic of people in "the world"?

Read together 1 John 4:1-6 and discuss:

- [1] What things in this passage are associated with the World?
- [2] The contrast between being "of the World" and "of God"

Read together 1 Corinthians 10:1-11

- [1] What is the first reason given for the failure of the Israelite to enter the promised land?
- [2] Make a list of things in these verses that the Israelites did which was opposed to God?
- [3] List some thing which people today tend to have an "intense desire" for which are harmful to them and are opposed to service to God

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to see His plans for us and to understand the benefits of a good relationship with Him.

## DAY TWO

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read Mark 7:20-24 and discuss what it means to have an "evil eye".

Consider the list in Mark 7:20-24 and discuss:

- [1] is an "evil eye" a small thing?
- [2] Is there a difference between a desire and a desire that is "cultivated"

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Read Proverbs 28:22

- [1] what is the connection between the evil eye and riches?

Read 1 Timothy 6:9 and discuss the connection with Proverbs 28:22

- [1] Doesn't everyone have a desire to be rich?
- [2] What type of desire is being discussed in 1 Timothy?

Read Job 31:1, and discuss Job's covenant with his eyes and answer

- [1] How did Job deal with the possibility of temptation to desire something that was not lawful for him?
- [2] How can we use his example to help us?
- [3] How can we keep our hearts from evil desire?

Read Colossians 3:2-6, and discuss

- [1] If the eye is symbolic of desire, is the "evil eye" a manner of speaking of desire for that which is evil?
- [2] What are the consequences of this?

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to desire his ways, helping us to see the end from the beginning and choosing life.

## DAY THREE

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read 2 Peter 1:2-8 separately and make a list of things which help Christians escape "the corruption that is in this world through lust"

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Separately read Galatians 5:16-26 and make a list of things which constitute walking in the spirit

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### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Together, compare your lists:

- [1] Are we working on "these things"
- [2] Are these valued by the world?
- [3] In what ways can "these things" help us in keeping from lust?

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help you as a family to humble yourselves before him and to submit to his direction in your lives.