

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: (Micah 6:8 NKJV) He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?
- [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 K with E)

" OZE PDZKNKE KQLHFJ DSCJKHO

PSHH YK DXCYHKR, LWR DK PDZ

DXCYHKJ DSCJKHO PSHH YK

KQLHFKR. "

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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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WHAT GOD REQUIRES

DAY ONE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read Deut. 10:12-13 and search for everything that God required. For each of these things, decide which ones are a result of the action of keeping written commandments. For those which are not the actions of keeping written commandments, which ones involve attitudes of the heart?

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Read Luke 11:39-44, and search for how the Pharisees had passed by "justice" and the "love of God". Look for why they acted as they did.

- [1] Could any written law ever cover every case of how to act "justly"?
- [2] Can we "do justly" without loving "justice" in our hearts?
- [3] How does a love of justice affect the actions of a man?

Read Exodus 23:2-9; Deut. 16:19-20; 24:17-18; Proverbs 21:3; Psalms 89:14; 1 Kings 10:9, and discuss:

- [1] List all of the ways described here that Justice can be perverted
- [2] What is more important than sacrifice? Why?
- [3] Is Justice something is often denied people because of their socio-economic status?
- [4] Name the two foundations of God's Throne
- [5] Make a list of things in which Justice can be perverted in our everyday lives

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to seek after righteousness and justice as He would have us, and to be merciful towards others.

DAY TWO

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read James 2:13 and discuss why it is important to show mercy to others.

Read Luke 10:30-37 (the story of the Good Samaritan), and search for the answer to the questions:

- [1] Which one was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?
- [2] What was Jesus' reply to their answer?

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss how we can "show mercy" to others in the following situations:

- [1] Someone says something "dumb"
- [2] Someone says something behind our back
- [3] Someone bumps into us while not looking where they are going.

Come up with at least three other situations in which we can show mercy to others.

Read Micah 6:8 and discuss the difference between showing Mercy, and "loving" Mercy.

- [1] Do we show Mercy only when it is expected (by others)?
- [2] Do we show Mercy only when it will not be perceived by others as being "weak" or "uncool"?
- [3] Do we show Mercy when others will disapprove?

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 to be like Him.

DAY THREE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read Micah 6:8. In Micah we are told that God requires that we walk humbly before him. Now read Proverbs 3:5-7 separately and make a list of the things that we are to do (find at least 7). Compare your lists and discuss:

- [1] How many of these things involve humility?

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

(Psa 25:9 NKJV) The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

(James 4:6 NKJV) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

From these two verses, what are the consequences of not walking humbly before God?

Read Luke 18:10-14 and discuss:

- [1] Which one was justified? Why?
- [2] Which of the two verses above applies to the Pharisee?
- [3] Make a list of all of the good works that the Pharisee did.
- [4] Can we fear god and not truly love him? (Heb 10:26-27)
- [5] Can we truly love him and not fear him?
- [6] Can we fear him and not walk humbly?

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 — to love the things that He loves, and to value the things that He values.