

# 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: (Mat 22:37 NKJV) Jesus said to him, " You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
- [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 J with E)

FOZ EPD KNQLEH FJJE CJZ YXJJ  
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YXPR CLE, NEW KNQLEH FJVPRJ  
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CANQJC PY HPW, BPO KNQJ  
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BPOX YXOLZ ZP KPALEJCC, NEW  
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ZKJ JEW, JQJXANCZLEH ALYJ.  
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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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# THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

## DAY ONE

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read Matthew 22:35-38, and look carefully at Jesus' answer to the question of which is the greatest commandment, and identify the three keys to how we are to love God.

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION (MIND)

Consider how we can love God with all our mind. Dictionary definition of "mind": The human consciousness that originates in the brain and is manifested especially in thought, perception, emotion, will, memory, and imagination.

So, how do we "perceive" God, and what do we really think of His ways?

Read Heb 11:12-16, and consider:

- [1] Were these people aware of what they were leaving behind?
- [2] Did these receive before death what they were promised?
- [3] What did they consider to be better than what they had?

Read Col 3:1-4 and discuss:

- [1] What does it mean to "set your mind" on things above?
- [2] If we set our minds on things above, and not on things below, what "value" judgments have we made?
- [3] Discuss the dictionary definition above and how we can fulfill the "mind" part of the great commandment in our lives each day.

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to love Him and His ways with all of our minds — placing value in His ways, and perceiving that His ways bring life.

## DAY TWO

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13 and identify at least four things that God requires of man. How do these correlate with what Jesus said in Matthew 22:35-38?

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION (HEART)

Read Matthew 15:8-19 and discuss what Jesus meant by his explanation of Isaiah's statement:

- [1] How does the heart govern what we say?
- [2] Do we ever show our "values" by speaking without first thinking about what we are saying?

Read James 3:8-15, and discuss:

- [1] What drives the tongue in this passage?
- [2] What is the spring?
- [3] What is the wisdom

Read Jeremiah 9:8, and discuss:

- [1] Actions speak louder than words—why?

Read Luke 6:45, and then Matthew 6:20-23 and discuss:

- [1] What does the "eye" represent?
- [2] If a man's actions are governed by the "treasures" of the heart, what governs what is "in" the heart?
- [3] Can a man control his desires (i.e. what he treasures in his heart) ?

From the passages above, make a list of the results of serving God with ALL of your heart.

### 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 Deuteronomy 4:29-31, and consider what it means to serve God with all your Soul.

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION (SOUL)

Soul—actuating cause of an individual life, a person's total self. Soul is often used in the Old Testament to refer to a man's life — e.g. (Lam 3:58 NKJV) O Lord, You have pleaded the case for my soul; You have redeemed my life.

Read Deuteronomy 13:1-4, and discuss:

- [1] What is identified in this passage as one way in which man can choose to not serve God with all his soul?

Read Deuteronomy 30:10-19, and discuss:

- [1] Can a man keep all of the commandments, and serve God with all his heart?

Read Romans 6:19-22, and discuss:

- [1] In what way are people slaves of sin if they do not accept God?

Read 2 Peter 2:19-20, and discuss:

- [1] If we reject God, and is overcome, what are slaves to?

Separately, make a list of things which "overcome" us, and make us in bondage.

Together, compare your lists, and discuss what it means to serve God with all your "soul"

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us to serve Him with all our souls, submitting to his direction in our lives — to love the things that He loves, and to value the things that He values.

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