

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: (Lu 16:13) "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon"
- [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 L, Q with B ...)

FOZ EPZDKEN QO LPEO ZDHPJND

COFYKCD XRQKZKPE PH WPEWOKZ ,

QJZ KE FPFVKEOCC PY RKEL FOZ

OXWD OCZOOR PZDOHC QOZZOH

ZDXE DKRCOFY .

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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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DAY ONE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

The Like-Minded Steward

Read 1 Peter 4:1-11 and search for the attitudes we are urged to be like-minded about.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss this text and answer these:

- [1] Did Jesus come to serve or be served?
- [2] Just how important is our service to God...
 - ⇒ Is it worth denying self for?
 - ⇒ Is it worth suffering in the flesh for?
- [3] In what sense can it be said that those who suffer in the flesh have ceased from sin? (see Gal. 5:16)
- [4] What should be above all things?
- [5] If we minister to one another, we are good stewards of what?

Now a steward is one who is entrusted with something, and is responsible for its use.

Discuss especially v. 11 and Philippians 2:5-8. Discuss ways in which we can humble ourselves like Christ in order to serve others.

- [1] Why does the service of God often require humility?
- [2] If we are faced with a choice between serving self and serving others — how do we react?
- [3] What can we do to help us make the right choice?

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

Like-Minded

Read Philippians 2:1-18 and search for principles which Paul would describe as being like-minded. Find at least 5 principles in your search.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss this passage and answer:

- [1] What principles in this passage will work to prevent division among brethren? Why?
- [2] What is the premise upon which Paul urges these Christians to be like-minded? (v. 1-2)
- [3] Look at v. 3 — Conceit is the “Excessive appreciation of one’s own worth or value”. How will we react in the following situations if we are conceited:
 - ⇒ Someone bumps into us while in a line
 - ⇒ Someone gets in our way and causes us to wait
 - ⇒ Someone receives awards instead of us
- [4] Again in v. 3 — Selfish Ambition is “an ardent desire for rank, fame, or power for one’s self” If our desires are for this, then what will consume our time? Consider also, v.21 and discuss how this hinders true service to God.
- [5] Review the items in #3 and discuss how “esteeming others better than self can help us reduce strife in our life.

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to desire his ways, denying ourselves and seeking to serve Him.

DAY THREE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Clinging To The Past

Read Philippians 3:1-16 and search for the things Paul could claim as achievements in this life, and then search also for what his attitude was concerning those things in the past.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

When a person becomes a Christian, sometimes the things which were “valued” in the past are difficult to let go of. Discuss how Paul dealt with this:

- [1] If we turn loose of something in order to grasp something else, what is implied by way of value judgment?

Separately, search for and find at least 4 phrases which demonstrate a values comparison between the former things and Christianity. Together, compare your lists and discuss your reasons for choosing the phrases you chose.

Now Read verses 17-21 and discuss:

- [1] What goals does Paul have in mind that causes him to make this choice?
- [2] What is the end result of being “earthly-minded”?
- [3] List at least three things that make this “mature choice” (v. 15) difficult for us (v. 19)?
- [4] ... and then discuss at least three things that help us make this choice (v. 19)

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, being mindful of the things of God.

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