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"THE FAMILY OF GOD" EPHESIANS 4:14-16



THE MESSAGE BIBLE

14-16 NO PROLONGED INFANCIES AMONG US, PLEASE. WE'LL NOT TOLERATE BABES IN THE WOODS, SMALL CHILDREN WHO ARE AN EASY MARK FOR IMPOSTORS. GOD WANTS US TO GROW UP, TO KNOW THE WHOLE TRUTH AND TELL IT IN LOVE--LIKE CHRIST IN EVERYTHING. WE TAKE OUR LEAD FROM CHRIST, WHO IS THE SOURCE OF EVERYTHING WE DO. HE KEEPS US IN STEP WITH EACH OTHER. HIS VERY BREATH AND BLOOD FLOW THROUGH US, NOURISHING US SO THAT WE WILL GROW UP HEALTHY IN GOD, ROBUST IN LOVE.

OBJECTIVE

- TO HELP YOU MATURE AND UNITE IN UNDERSTANDING THE FAMILY OF GOD.
- ***FAMILY OF GOD:*** A BODY OF BELIEVERS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO ACCEPT GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION WITH A DISCIPLINED APPROACH TO LIVING

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BIOLOGICAL FAMILY:

THE NATURAL FAMILY WE ARE BORN INTO; THIS FAMILY REQUIRES MATURITY, UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING.

PROVERBS 4:7

GOD FAMILY:

THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY WE ARE BORN INTO; THIS FAMILY REQUIRES MATURITY, UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING.

ISAIAH 1:17

WHEN YOU KEEP DOING WHAT'S NOT WORKING, THAT'S A SIGN OF A LEARNING DISABILITY.

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✧ SOME PEOPLE MEAN WELL AND DO WELL.

✧ SOME PEOPLE MEAN WELL AND DO WRONG.

✧ SOME PEOPLE DON'T MEAN WELL.

➤ ***WE MUST HAVE A STANDARD BY WHICH WE JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE ON TRACK WITH OUR FAMILY LIFE.***

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GOD'S WORD IS OUR STANDARD

DOCTRINE IS THE ORDER OF GOD.

REPROOF IS THE DISMANTLING OF ERROR.

CORRECTION IS THE EXPOSURE TO TRUTH.

INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SYSTEMATIC APPLICATION OF THE WORD OF GOD.

II TIMOTHY 3:16-17 MATTHEW 7:24-27 JOSHUA 24:15