

ENCOURAGING OUR CHILDREN



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COLOSSIANS 3:21 (ESV)



FAMILY MATTERS

BUILDING BIBLICALLY-CENTERED RELATIONSHIPS

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DISCOURAGED

crestfallen

depressed

dismayed

pessimistic

DISCOURAGED

ENCOURAGED HAPPY

HEARTENED INSPIRED

REPHRASED COLOSSIANS 3:21 (ESV)

DISCOURAGED



**INSPIRED/
HOPEFUL
HAPPY**

**COURAGEOUS/
CONFIDENT
HEARTENED**

HOPEFUL in GOD

“For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my
youth.”

PSALM 71:5 (ESV)

“But this I call to mind, and
therefore I have hope: The
steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases; his mercies
never come to an end;”

LAMENTATIONS 3:21-22 (ESV)

**“If it’s God’s will, it’s
God’s bill.”**

HAPPINESS in GOD

“You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.”

PSALM 4:7-8 (ESV)

CONFIDENCE in GOD

Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.”

2 CORINTHIANS 1:9 (ESV)

And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent,

ACTS 18:9 (ESV)

for I am with you, and no one
will attack you to harm you,
for I have many in this city
who are my people.”

ACTS 18:10 (ESV)

DISCOURAGED : NOT HOPEFUL
NOT HAPPY
NOT CONFIDENT **IN GOD**

UNCONSCIOUS INFLUENCE

HAPPY EXAMPLE

**IMPULSIVE, ERRATIC and
INCONSISTENT DISCIPLE**

GOD as FATHER

And he said to them, “When
you pray, say: “Father,
hallowed be your name. Your
kingdom come.”

LUKE 11:2 (ESV)

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.”

JOHN 8:42 (ESV)

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

ROMANS 8:9 (ESV)

For all who are led by the
Spirit of God are sons of God.

ROMANS 8:14 (ESV)

For you did not receive the
spirit of slavery to fall back
into fear, but you have
received the Spirit of adoption
as sons, by whom we cry,
“Abba! Father!”

ROMANS 8:15 (ESV)

**FATHERS as IMAGE of the
FATHER in HEAVEN**

**GOD OFFERS HIS
FATHERHOOD**

“Fathers, do not provoke or irritate or exasperate your children [with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive;

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nor by favoritism or indifference;
treat them tenderly with
lovingkindness], so they will not
lose heart and become
discouraged or unmotivated
[with their spirits broken].”

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