

MESSAGE NOTES

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FAMILY VALUES: Prayer
Proverbs 3:6
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- By naming our values, we can _____ more intentionally.
- God works _____ & _____ us _____ we practice prayer. Acts 2:42

In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.
Proverbs 3:6

WHAT WE DO WHEN WE PRAY

- Acknowledge Him = _____ to, consult _____, depend on Him.
- Him = the _____ who _____ us & _____ His life for us. Gal 2:20
- Prayer: learning to _____ on & share everything _____ the Lord.

GOD'S PROMISE WHEN WE PRAY

- He will direct your paths = paths of _____. Psalm 16:11; 23:1-6; 32:8; Phil 4:6-7
- Promises to _____, guide & _____ us more _____ we'll call. Jer 33:3

In all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:6

LIVING MORE INTENTIONALLY by practicing

- In all your ways = in _____ you do & _____ you are.
- We can _____ to pray _____ we _____? _____ 1 Cor 10:31; 1 Thess 5:17
- He invites us to come to Him with _____ of prayers. Eph 6:18
- With short phrases, we _____ our hearts to Him. Psalm 62:8
- _____ do I need to acknowledge Him? Joshua 9:14; Psalm 118:5

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Our 9 Family Values

- We value the Bible.

Because it is God's unchanging Word to us, we seek to submit to His life-giving teaching & authority in every area of our lives, even when it's painful. Psalm 119:105; Matthew 4:4; John 8:31-32; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:2; Hebrews 4:12

- We value living as God's stewards.

Because everything we have belongs to the LORD, we seek to generously give Him our whole lives, and manage well the money, possessions, time, bodies, jobs & relationships He's entrusted to us. Psalm 24:1; Matthew 25:21; Luke 12:48b; 1 Corinthians 4:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 9:6-12

- We value right relationships.

Because God took the costly initiative to make us right with Him, and because wrong relationships block His Holy Spirit, we seek to be right with others, to build a sense of family and to be a caring community. Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-18; Mark 11:25; Romans 12:10-21; Ephesians 3:14-15; 4:2-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Hebrews 12:14-15

- We value authenticity.

Because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble, we seek to humbly and transparently represent Christ in all we do and say. Matthew 23:5-26; Ephesians 5:8-17; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 5:5-6; 1 John 1:5-10

- We value excellence.

Because God gave His best for us, we seek to give Him our best, for excellence honors God & inspires people. Ecclesiastes 9:10; 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15; Colossians 3:23; 2 Timothy 2:15

- We value spiritual hunger.

Because we want to be followers of Jesus who never lose the desire to love & worship Him wholeheartedly and know Him better. Psalm 63:1-8; Matthew 5:6; Mark 12:30; John 14:21-24; Ephesians 1:17-19; 1 Peter 2:2-3

- We value every person serving.

Because Jesus didn't come to be served but to serve, and He's given every believer spiritual gifts to glorify God & edify others, we want to give our lives away in His name. Mark 10:42-45; John 13:12-17; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4:10

- We value those still on the way with Jesus.

Because we're called to be His witnesses in this world, we want to lovingly "show and tell" the gospel of Jesus. Matthew 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Luke 19:10; Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 3:15-16; 2 Peter 3:9

- We value prayer.

Because prayer is a primary way God works in and through His people, we want to continuously & expectantly call on the name of the LORD. Jeremiah 33:3; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Proverbs 3:6; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-4