

Divine Design: Alignment at Home

Proverbs 24:3-4 (MSG) It takes wisdom to build a house and understanding to set it on a firm foundation; It takes knowledge to furnish its rooms with fine furniture and beautiful draperies.

✓ Strong stable families begin with loving and serving God **first**.

Joshua 24:15 (NIV) But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

The Foundation – A Christ-Centered Marriage

✓ A strong family is based on a marriage modeling **mutual** submission.

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV) Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

✓ A strong, Christ-centered marriage **models** unconditional love and sacrificial leadership.

Ephesians 5:22-23 (NIV) Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Ephesians 5:25-26, 28 (NIV) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ...

²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

✓ Healthy marriages give each other what they **need** not what they feel they need.

Ephesians 5:33 (NIV) However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

The Home – Raising Kids God’s Way

- ✓ In a healthy marriage, mutual love and respect model **Christ** and the **Church**.
- ✓ God designed parents to form character in love so children can fulfill their **calling**.

Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

- ✓ Parenting is teaching and training your children to **leave**.