



**1. Build** \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 11:36)

**2. Invest** \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 19:5-6)

**3. Utilize** \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 10:24-25)

**4. Maintain** \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 2:3-6)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Joshua 24:14-15**. During the settlement of Canaan, Joshua had seen a lot of "worldly" alternatives to being loyal to God. What are some of the costs for a Christian today who chooses for his or her home to be a place where family members are resolved to be faithful to the Lord?
2. Read **Romans 11:36** and **1 Corinthians 10:31**. What are some of the practical differences one might see in a family that took these profound truths seriously as compared to a home that hadn't given them much thought?
3. Read **Ephesians 5:22-33**. Why do you imagine that God intended marriage to be such an important relational core for each family? What are some of the struggles and challenges that the family incurs when that foundational relationship is threatened, weakened, or destroyed?
4. Read **Psalms 27:10-11**. Why should Christians maintain a biblical optimism even when family structures have been damaged, impaired, or dissolved? How have you seen God work to do good in spite of these disadvantages?
5. Read **Hebrews 10:24-25**. What would you say to a Christian family that finds no time for a significant involvement in the body of Christ?

## *This Week's Bible Reading Schedule*

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Prov. 3-4 & 1 Cor. 13*

**September 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Prov. 5-6 & 1 Cor. 14:1-20*

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Prov. 7-8 & 1 Cor. 14:21-40*

**September 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Prov. 9-10 & 1 Cor. 15:1-32*

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Prov. 11-12 & 1 Cor. 15:33-58*

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Prov. 13-14 & 1 Cor. 16*

**September 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Prov. 15-16 & 2 Cor. 1*

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Prov. 17-18 & 2 Cor. 2*

*The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).*

Msg. 09-15 – **Avoiding the Common Sins in Parenting**

Msg. 05-21 – **Rethinking Marriage as a Sacred Covenant**

Msg. 15-05 – **Fatal Excuses: "I Can't Lord, I Have to Put Family First"**

Msg. 13-01 – **Priorities in Tension: Learning from the Perfect Twelve-Year-Old**

Msg. 09-14 – **Rethinking the Importance of Your Marriage**

Msg. 13-33 – 13-35 – **ATAPAT** (a 3-part series on following Christ in any situation)

Msg. 11-22 – 11-24 – **Pursuing Holiness** (a three-part series)

## *This Sermon's Social Media Hashtag*

**#ChristianParenting**

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*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Adams, Jay. **Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage**. Zondervan, 1986.

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Black, Jeffery S. **Sexual Sin: Combating the Drifting and Cheating**. P & R, 2003.

Burroughs, Jeremiah. **The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1981.

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Daniels, Robert. **The War Within: Gaining Victory in the Battle for Sexual Purity**. Crossway Books, 1997.

Fabarez, Mike. **Raising Men Not Boys: Shepherding Your Sons to be Men of God**. Moody Publishing, 2017.

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Hughes, R. Kent. **Set Apart: Calling a Worldly Church to a Godly Life**. Crossway, 2003.

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