

FAMILY STRONG: Unity
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Matthew 19:4-6 NLT

“Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’” And he said, “This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’ Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.”

Hebrews 12:14-15 NLT

Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

Proverbs 18:19 GW

An offended brother is more resistant than a strong city, and disputes are like the locked gate of a castle tower.

1 Peter 3:8-9 NLT

Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. Don’t repay evil for evil. Don’t retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

Family Strong in Unity:

1. Grows together spiritually.

John 17:23 NLT

I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

2. Esteems one another in humility.

Ephesians 4:2-3 NKJ

...with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

3. Encourages one another regularly.

Ephesians 4:29 NKJ

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Ephesians 4:29 NLT

...Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

4. Dreams together continually.

5. Commits to one another daily.

Psalms 133:1-3 NLT

How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.