

# The Christian Family At The 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## Unit 4 “Prioritizing The Family’s Activities”

### Opening Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for the gift of Christian families. Be with us as we seek to reestablish the guiding principles for families as found in your Word. Give us the wisdom to prioritize these special blessings for life on earth and eternity. We make this petition in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Unit Goal:** To reestablish God’s guiding principles for families so that they prioritize the use of His gifts for life on this earth and all eternity.

**Key Scripture:** “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness . . .” Matthew 6:33

### Unit Lessons:

#### 1. Prioritizing . . . Setting the Compass

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Psalm 37:5
- Proverbs 16:3
- I Chronicles 28:9

Discuss: How do you get back on course if you feel you are not headed in the right direction?

#### 2. Prioritizing . . . Placing the Big Rocks First (Covey Concept)

- Ephesians 6:14
- Ecclesiastes 3:1
- Hosea 10:12
- Peter’s Denial

Discuss: What are the “big rocks?” Why are they hard to see?

### 3. Prioritizing . . . Planning

- Isaiah 32:8                      - Hosea 10:12                      - I Corinthians 10:24
- Psalm 20:4                      - Isaiah 30:1

Discuss: Why plan? Discuss the benefits of planning. How do you fit “planning time” into your schedule?

### 4. Prioritizing . . . Time Tithing

- Psalm 31:15                      II Corinthians 9:6,7                      - Proverbs 22:6
- Acts 1:6,7
- Ecclesiastes: “To everything there is a season . . .”

Discuss: What constitutes “time for God?” What are some ways you give your time to God? How could our church use your time? . . . other members’ time?

### 5. Prioritizing . . . Communication

- Deuteronomy 4:9                      - Ephesians 6:14                      - I Timothy 3:15

Discuss: How do you communicate with the individual members of your family? What works/what doesn’t?

### **Unit Activities:**

- Family Altar
- Color Code Family Calendar
- Share Time and Family Mission

- Make “an appointment with God.”
- Volunteer work, e.g. nursing home.
- AAL “Have A Ball” materials.

**Unit Commitment:** Each participant is invited to write a personal goal, which blessed by God, will further individual and family growth.

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**Unit Song:** “One Thing’s Needful”

One thing’s needful, Lord this treasure, teach me highly to regard;  
All else though it first give pleasure, is a yoke that presses hard.  
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,  
No true lasting happiness ever deriving;  
This one thing is needful all others are vain -  
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.

**Closing Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father, we acknowledge you to be the compass of our lives. Direct us as we prioritize our lives, seeking first your kingdom. Direct us as we allocate our time to our various activities, and as we communicate your Gospel message to those whose lives we touch. In our Savior’s name we pray. Amen.

