



4 Essentials to Keep Your Family Afloat and On Course

1. _____ **Christ.**

Colossians 1:15-17--He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

How do I maximize Jesus in my family?

Matthew 6:33--But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

1. _____ **God.**
2. _____ **to God.**
3. _____ **for God.**
4. _____ **my family in God's family:**
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2. _____ **self.**

Colossians 1:18,19--And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him...

John 3:30--He must become greater, I must become less.

3. _____ **sin.**

Colossians 1:20,21--...and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

1 Peter 5:8,9--Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith...

4. _____ **love.**

Colossians 1:21-23--Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

John 15:12--My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

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1. What do you think are the keys to keeping your family on course spiritually?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. What mistakes do people often make that damages the spiritual development of their family?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.