

Can I get a fresh family?

Mark 12:28-34, Refresh Series #3

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Memory verse: *Ac 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord*

Q/ **How can I get a better family?**

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Refresh from God:

1. Relationships are the most important thing in life.

Mk 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

2. Love refreshes your relationships, not money.

Phm 1:7 Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.

3. Family is a Christian’s first priority.

Ge 18:19 For I have chosen him , so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”

4. A refreshed family has faith.

Dt 11:14 ...I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains...¹⁸ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds...¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ...²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be ... as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

“Most certainly father and mother are apostles, bishops, and priests to their children, for it is they who make them acquainted with the gospel.” - Martin Luther

5. Difficult family problems are God’s specialty.

Ge 32:11 “Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me ...”^{33:4} But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

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A/ **Better refresh your family priorities.**

Mk 12:28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

Mk 12:29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

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Mk 12:31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mk 12:32 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

Mk 12:33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mk 12:34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.