

CLASS: SS1
SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
TOPIC: THE FAMILY
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MEANING OF FAMILY

A family is a group of people who are related by blood, marriage or adoption. Families are the origin of human communities. Some members of a family include father, mother, children, relatives, grandparents and in-laws.

Types of Family

There are two types of family, the nuclear and extended family.

1. Nuclear family

This type of family consists of the father, mother child/children

2. Extended family

This type of family has a father, a mother and child/children in addition to any other relatives like cousins, grandparents, nieces and nephews.

Paul's teaching about Family (Col. 3:18-21)

Paul recognized the role of every member of the family and used these roles to describe the nature of our relationship with one another in the church. Paul taught that husbands

should love their wives and not be harsh with them. He said that wives should be subject to their husbands. Wives should also be submissive and not be abusive or arrogant because such attitudes were against God's role for them in the home. Paul encouraged children to obey their parents in everything. He said fathers should not provoke their children to anger. This means that parents should not be too harsh on children as such harshness end up affecting the children negatively. Servants were encouraged to serve their masters faithfully and not as hypocrites and men pleasers.

Rights and Duties of Family Members (Col. 2:18-21)

Each member of the family has a role to play to make it function well.

The Roles of the Father

1. The father is the head of the house.
2. He is to provide food, shelter, clothing and other needs for the family
3. He is to teach his children to obey and respect elders in the society
4. He is to provide for the formal training of his children
5. He is to make sure every member of the family is saved
6. A father should see to the security of the family
7. He must discipline his children in a godly manner.
8. He must pray for every member of the family and conduct Bible studies.

The Roles of the Mother

1. The mother is the helpmate of a father.
2. She is to assist the father
3. She is responsible for keeping the home
4. She is the link between the father and children
5. She is to advise and teach the children
6. She prays for her family members
7. She disciplines the children in the father's absence.

The Roles of the Children

1. Children are to honour and love their parents
2. They are to obey their parents.
3. They are to be their brother's keeper
4. They should pray for their parents
5. They should help their parents and not run away from home when needed
6. They should work hard in school
7. They are to be respectful to parents and elders and honour them.

Values Found in Good Family Relationship

1. Love among members of the family
2. Peace and harmony
3. They will enjoy God's care and protection
4. The family will have a good name in the society
5. Respect
6. Obedience

ASSIGNMENT

Assuming today is Saturday, what would you do from 7am to 10pm, as to help your family.