

The word “family” derives from the Latin word *famulus*, meaning “servant”

**In the ideal family we find it all begins with 2 people who love each other.**

**84:6.8** *Marriage is the mother of all human institutions, for it leads directly to home founding and home maintenance, which is the structural basis of society. The family is vitally linked to the mechanism of self-maintenance; it is the sole hope of race perpetuation under the mores of civilization, while at the same time it most effectively provides certain highly satisfactory forms of self-gratification. The family is man’s greatest purely human achievement, combining as it does the evolution of the biologic relations of male and female with the social relations of husband and wife.*

The friendship between husband and wife, father and mother provides the life examples, the role model for growing children to comprehend their eventual place in society. What they learn from their parents within a family unit will greatly define their own destinies. It all becomes so much easier for them when they are reared in a loving, understanding yet strong training in those higher meanings and values like integrity, honesty and sincere care for others. Train them well!

**84:7.25** *The olden ideas of family discipline were biologic, growing out of the realization that parents were creators of the child’s being. The advancing ideals of family life are leading to the concept that bringing a child into the world, instead of conferring certain parental rights, entails the supreme responsibility of human existence.*

Clearly stated, when we follow the teachings of our book and our Master, Jesus, we discover that what we are doing today not only impacts our children, but it is actually impacting US as universal citizens who will be required to love everyone, everywhere, as family.

**Mother brings ...**

**84:7.10** *Love of offspring is almost universal and is of distinct survival value. The ancients always sacrificed the mother’s interests for the welfare of the child; an Eskimo mother even yet licks her baby in lieu of washing. But primitive mothers only nourished and cared for their children when very young; like the animals, they discarded them as soon as they grew up. Enduring and continuous human associations have never been founded on biologic affection alone. The animals love their children; man — civilized man — loves his children’s children. The higher the civilization, the greater the joy of parents in the children’s advancement and success; thus the new and higher realization of name pride comes into existence.*

**84:7.9** *The early family embraced a related working group, including the slaves, all living in one dwelling. Marriage and family life have not always been identical but have of necessity been closely associated. Woman always wanted the individual family, and eventually she had her way.*

We should ALL be very thankful that we have been alive on this world at this time. Our ancients did not have access to the vast amount of enlightened teaching that we are privy to currently. Let us commit to applying these new truths to our lives on the deepest social level – the family – our survival hope.

**Father brings...**

Fathers, whether they realize this or not, are leaders for their families. This is a tall order! May our fathers recognize that they bring to the whole of the family the leadership of training for Jesus’ True Religion teachings. Teaching fathers will show their children the great value that they have in the overarching cosmos as citizens NOW [not just in the future]. In this way, you fathers will be giving a great gift to your Paradise Father in teaching your children to love Him and in offering to God the gifts of your children. You are all to be honored and respected!

**84:7.4 1.** *The new role of religion — the teaching that parental experience is essential, the idea of procreating cosmic citizens, the enlarged understanding of the privilege of procreation — giving sons to the Father.*

**Children bring the family unity into being.**

**84:7.1** *Sex mating is instinctive, children are the natural result, and the family thus automatically comes into existence. As are the families of the race or nation, so is its society. If the families are good, the society is likewise good. The great cultural stability of the Jewish and of the Chinese peoples lies in the strength of their family groups.*

**The ideal family will provide safety to grow and develop for training in pursuit of a successful life.**

**84:7.30** *Family life is the progenitor of true morality, the ancestor of the consciousness of loyalty to duty. The enforced associations of family life stabilize personality and stimulate its growth through the compulsion of necessitous adjustment to other and diverse personalities. But even more, a true family — a good family — reveals to the parental pro-creators the attitude of the Creator to his children, while at the same time such true parents portray to their children the first of a long series of ascending disclosures of the love of the Paradise parent of all universe children.*

Oh, so, NO PRESSURE HERE! LOL Yes, this is a high expectation that our authorities have for us as parents of little ones. We are to lovingly ‘adjust’ our children in many ways exactly as our indwelling Paradise Father ‘adjusts’ us. We must help our children understand that every good, right and moral decision they make is either building up or tearing down their own souls. How I wish that my parents understood this to teach me!

**Fun times, play and close bonds of friendship as a family provide rest and the added zest for living well.**

**84:7.29** *Human society would be greatly improved if the civilized races would more generally return to the family-council practices of the Andites. They did not maintain the patriarchal or autocratic form of family government. They were very brotherly and associative, freely and frankly discussing every proposal and regulation of a family nature. They were ideally fraternal in all their family government. In an ideal family filial and parental affection are both augmented by fraternal devotion.*

In the family experience children [aspiring adults] learn how to approach group problems. What are your children learning from you?

**The ideal family offers practice for learning to forgive and help another.**

**84:7.28** *Marriage, with children and consequent family life, is stimulative of the highest potentials in human nature and simultaneously provides the ideal avenue for the expression of these quickened attributes of mortal personality. The family provides for the biologic perpetuation of the human species. The home is the natural social arena wherein the ethics of blood brotherhood may be grasped by the growing children. The family is the fundamental unit of fraternity in which parents and children learn those lessons of patience, altruism, tolerance, and forbearance which are so essential to the realization of brotherhood among all men.*

Ask yourselves, "What are my children learning about life and their Father by watching me?" If you see a deficit then go to your Father and simply ASK. That is all it takes. Just ASK for guidance in how to develop more forgiveness and helpfulness so that your children will learn to mimic YOU and in turn YOU are growing. Yes!

**Children learn how to serve, care, love, be respectful, appreciative etc... from their parents.**

**84:7.26** *Civilization regards the parents as assuming all duties, the child as having all the rights. Respect of the child for his parents arises, not in knowledge of the obligation implied in parental procreation, but naturally grows as a result of the care, training, and affection which are lovingly displayed in assisting the child to win the battle of life. The true parent is engaged in a continuous service-ministry which the wise child comes to recognize and appreciate.*

When we lovingly help our children 'win the battle of life' we are serving God Himself. Never doubt that our children perceive what we are doing far beyond the mere trivialities of our day to day living. "Monkey see, monkey do." is a good analogy. They will do as you do.

**When the storms of life come we learn how to cope, struggle together, meet needs, support, pray as a family unit.**

**84:7.27** *In the present industrial and urban era the marriage institution is evolving along new economic lines. Family life has become more and more costly, while children, who used to be an asset, have become economic liabilities. But the security of civilization itself still rests on the growing willingness of one generation to invest in the welfare of the next and future generations. And any attempt to shift parental responsibility to state or church will prove suicidal to the welfare and advancement of civilization.*

May we NEVER EVER EVER allow this to happen! NEVER!

**As we have stated before it is worth repeating:**

The 3 most important messages any family member needs to hear is, "I trust you, I'm proud of you and I love you." These words of affirmation are more powerful than any of us realize. Especially for the children, it is imperative that they receive hopeful encouragement as they reach higher and higher on their younger developmental stages. We must always remember that they are young and new beings in our Father's universe. They deserve our leadership in terms of who THEY think WE think they can become. [Helpful hint: your spouse needs to hear these statements of affirmation as well! Say them often.]

#### **Baby/Child Dedications**

Refer to the pdf. at the top of the page for these instructions.

#### **Remembrance Supper**

Refer to the pdf. at the top of the page for these instructions.

**Leader:** Moving on to some crafty and heartfelt fun let us remind ourselves what our Teachers have taught us.

**84:8.6** *Let man enjoy himself; let the human race find pleasure in a thousand and one ways; let evolutionary mankind explore all forms of legitimate self-gratification, the fruits of the long upward biologic struggle. Man has well earned some of his present-day joys and pleasures. But look you well to the goal of destiny! Pleasures are indeed suicidal if they succeed in destroying property, which has become the institution of self-maintenance; and self-gratifications have indeed cost a fatal price if they bring about the collapse of marriage, the decadence of family life, and the destruction of the home — man's supreme evolutionary acquirement and civilization's only hope of survival.*

[Playing some fun and happy music at this time will help the transition from worship to celebration.]

#### **Family game and Lovenotes**

Refer to the pdf. at the top of this page for instructions.

**Let the party begin/continue with snacks and uplifting conversations and story-telling. May our Father and Jesus be happy to see us share in joy, laughter, affection, sincere interest in one another and community family celebration!**

**To happy families that become our absolute Survival Hope for our world. ~ the group at God Discovered  
Next week we discuss They Came to Teach Us Week #52**