

The Family Holds an Important Place in Our Society and World.

The Family is where you learn and grow. Just think about where you learned how to be a member in society, an employee, student or leader. You learned most of everything you are at this moment in your life from a family unit. We may not have had a family; we learned from others who cared for us, mentors, teachers or adopted families and parents. You may not have learned the correct attributes you need to succeed in your own family units today. As children we watched the adults and other children around us and we learned from their actions. Family Unity is extremely important to the foundation of our society; it is the building block in every culture of this world.

The following table describes what our families, or the ones who raised us as children, teach us to learn and grow. Think about how important these ideas are in how we act as adults. Think about our current government leaders, business leaders and people in the public. Are these individuals living what they learned in their families?

HOW DOES YOUR FAMILY HELP YOU GROW IN...

<p><u>Wisdom:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our Parents teach us good judgment - We watch our parents and they teach us from experience - We watch and learn from experiences of our siblings - Our family will provide us knowledge on how to be a good member of society and how to raise our own families. - We learn how to fight and love - We learn how to manage a household and finances 	<p><u>Favor with God or Higher Law</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We learn to live our lives in a way that God approves of our actions - We learn to be honest and trustworthy - We learn to be respectful to each other - We understand why and how to have virtue - We live by good principles and values - We have charity and love for others
<p><u>Stature:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our parents provide food and shelter to help us grow in <u>stature</u> - We learn how to physically develop to become strong in <u>stature</u> and live healthy - Our families support us in sports and physical activities - We learn to respect and not abuse our bodies and the bodies of others - We grow in mental <u>stature</u> - We are supported in school - We learn to be a respected and how to be a respectful person 	<p><u>Favor with Man</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We learn how to deal with people and to get along with each other - How to Share - How to respect & have consideration - Dependability - Love - Responsibility - Tolerance - Patience - How to be good employees, managers, and leaders - How to take care of others. <p>Becoming favorable with man determines our behavior in our communities and society.</p>

What if, as an individual, you did not learn these values? What if many children today were not learning the above principles? What do you see happening to society? This very thing is happening today as more and more children are born out of wedlock, families are splitting apart, and the very idea of family is not even being considered by many young adults.

As individuals in this society we have an important task to rekindle the spirit of family unity in this country. We learn so much from a strong Family Unit. Family is what can make America Great no matter what type, size, ethnicity or culture your family may be, it is important that it is a loving and nurturing family unit that teaches the above ideas.