

# Guiding Principles for Successful Families

## 1. Begin with the End in Mind (Vision)

*[Jesus] Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.* Mark 10:8-9

*Enjoy life with the wife you love...* Ecclesiastes 9:9

*The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure it is to have wise children.* Proverbs 23:24

## 2. Adopt God's Value System (Truth)

### 3 Values to Guide Us:

- **Our Purpose - Put God first**

*[God] will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.* Matthew 6:33

- **Our Passion - Choose love**

*And husbands should love their wives...* Ephesians 5:28

*...train the younger women to love their husbands and their children.* Titus 2:4

- **Our Parenting - Pass it on**

*You, your children, and your grandchildren must respect the LORD your God as long as you live. Obey all his rules and commands I give you so that you will live a long time.*

Deuteronomy 6:2

### **3. Live by Faith (Strength)**

*Turn all your anxiety over to God because he cares for you. Keep your mind clear and be alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion as he looks for someone to devour. Be firm in the faith and resist him...* 1 Peter 5:7-9

*You are my hope, O Almighty LORD. You have been my confidence ever since I was young. I depended on you before I was born. You took me from my mother's womb. Songs of praise constantly speak about you. I have become an example to many people, but you are my strong refuge.* Psalm 71:5-7

#### **Homework for Christian families:**

- **Are we committed to finishing well?**
- **Are we committed to God's eternal principles?**
- **Are we trusting God with the family trip?**