

DAY 12

Today I declare that my family and I are like-minded, having the same love; we are of one accord, of one mind. (Philippians 2:2)

Theme:

Learning how fulfillment comes through being like-minded. Same purpose, same love, same unity through humility.

READ:

Philippians 2:1-5

Matthew 6:24

1 Peter 5:5-9

REFLECTION:

Walking in unity as a family can be a challenge. However, it's not impossible. Today, humility becomes the key to having the same purpose.

I encourage you to read Philippians 2:1-5 in the ERV (Easy-to-Read Version). This will help you to pull out the understanding that in Christ, we all have the same common factor--Jesus! What the gospel did for us--forgive, love, honor--then we should do the same for others!

Achieving this is tough when you have so many different characters, personalities, and opinions within a family. But, through the Word, these mannerisms bow down to the ultimate example--Jesus. We must learn how to put Christ as the center of our homes, our decisions, our reactions, and our feelings toward each other. If we love Jesus, and He is truly our Lord, then we all agree that His ways are who we should follow.

Humility is the main key to walking in unity together. We must be devoted to each other--even in grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Maybe you have offended or hurt someone in your family by what you said. Walk in humility. Learn to repent quickly. Be slow to speak and slow to get angry. Be the model of humility in your home by not responding in the flesh but responding according to the Word. Through 1 Peter 5:5-9, you will see how the enemy is waiting for an opportunity for pride to come into your home. When pride is evident, he jumps on those opportunities to divide, destroy, and steal the peace and joy. Be alert and don't allow it! Humility and looking out for what pleases others will help in this.

CHALLENGE:

Think of a slogan or phrase that you can say as a family--something that your family will remember to love each other, walk in humility, and have a Christ-like mind toward each other. Say it out loud and let it become a reminder that Jesus is first in your home!

Here are a few examples:

We love--We honor--We forgive. | Jesus first. Others Second. | We do what Jesus does!