

# About Growing Together @ Home

Growing Together @ Home is a  
brief guide provided by the South  
Bumby Church to give our families a  
framework they can use as they study  
from God's word and pray  
together at home.

## Other Things To Do This Week:

- [1] Memorize: (Matthew 7:21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."
- [2] Help your children prepare their lessons for Bible class. Let your children help you prepare for Bible Class.

Crypto-Quote:

(Each letter stands for another letter. For example, replace each occurrence of W with F, Z with E ...)

FOZEZ DZKDNZ QLHJ SZHL FK CZ  
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JYFO FOZYL CKXFO, HSQ OKSKL  
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CZ JYFO FOZYL NYDE, RXF FOZYL  
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OZHLEF YE WHL WLKC CZ.  
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*A Weekly Guide  
For Family  
Devotions*

Those who  
love Your law  
have great  
peace, And  
nothing  
causes them  
to stumble.

Ps. 119:165

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# PHARISAISM

## DAY ONE

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

*Six Woes*

Read Luke 11:39-52 and search for the six woes pronounced on the Pharisees and the Lawyers.

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss the attitudes of the Pharisees:

- [1] How would giving alms make the “inside clean”? (v. 41) How can we conquer greed today?
- [2] How did they “pass by” the “Love of God”? (1 John 5:3) Is it possible for a Christian to focus on keeping specific details, and neglect the weightier matters of loving God?
- [3] How were the Pharisees like “graves” which are not seen? Is it possible for a Christian to “appear” righteous to others, and yet inside be full of wickedness?
- [4] What were the lawyers doing that showed they approved of their fathers having killed the prophets?
- [5] In v. 46 Jesus says that they loaded men with burdens and yet they would not lift a finger to touch a burden themselves. Read Gal. 6:2; John 13:14-15 and discuss how Christian can do this. Do we ever place high standards on others that we ourselves are not willing to live up to? Do we ever argue that “others” should take care of those who are in need, but we are unwilling to do anything to help?

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to love Him and His ways with all of our minds — placing value in His ways, and perceiving that His ways bring life.

## DAY TWO

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

*By The Power of the Devil*

Read Matthew 12:22 and search for why the Pharisees would say that Jesus cast out demons by the power of Satan.

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss this passage and answer:

- [1] What saying of the people was this saying of the Pharisees designed to “counter”.
- [2] Find three healings in this chapter which provided overwhelming proof of Jesus’ power and divine approval.
- [3] Find a verse in the reading (25-30) which shows that these healings indicated God’s approval.
- [4] Read Mark 3:28-30; and find out why Jesus spoke to them of the sin against the Holy Spirit that cannot be forgiven.
- [5] Read Hebrews 6:4-6 and discuss why is it impossible to renew to repentance one who has known God and rejected Him.
- [6] In the face of overwhelming evidence that Jesus was “from God” (in Matthew 12), what more could be done to bring these to repentance?
- [7] Can a Christian today reject God in such a way as these Pharisees did?
- [8] For more information: read on our web site the FAQ “Once Lost Always Lost?”

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to desire his ways, denying ourselves and seeking to serve Him.

## DAY THREE

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

*Offended by Jesus*

Read Matthew 15:1-12 and search for attitudes of the Pharisees which were contrary to God.

### STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss.

- [1] Why (in v. 12) were the Pharisees offended at Jesus?
- [2] Which saying offended the Pharisees?
- [3] Why would they be offended at this instead of the statements in v. 7-9???
- [4] Separately, make a list of at least three ways that men today create traditions that make the commandments of God of “no effect” (NKJV, v. 6)
- [5] Together, compare your lists and how these things cause men to honor God with their lips, but not their hearts.
- [6] If it is what comes out of the heart that defiles a man (v. 16-20), can we be like the Pharisees and spend a great deal of time watching what we eat (e.g. natural non-processed foods, no artificial sweeteners, no Cokes, etc), and spend little or no time watching what we put into our hearts?
- [7] Together, list three or more ways which Christians can fail to pay due attention to what goes into our hearts.

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us to serve Him with all our souls, submitting to his direction in our lives — to love the things that He loves, and to value the things that He values, being mindful of the things of God.

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