

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: (Luke 12:34) "For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- [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 F with D, B with G ...)

FZ EZP DK KENQZLH ZJ KNQS
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CKE, EZY FKHQYK PZ DK XQPO
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POKC; JZY POKQY OKRYP FKNQHKH
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NQZSKEWK, REF POKQY SQVH PRSA
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ZJ PYZLDSKCRAQEB.
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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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LIKE OTHERS

DAY ONE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Lot's Lot

Read Genesis 19 and search for the attitudes of Lot and his family that indicate the influence of Sodom.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss what you found:

- [1] (v 3) Why would Lot be so adamant about these two men who were going to spend the night in the square? Would he have any suspicions about how they might be treated?
- [2] (v 8) Why would he offer up his daughters to be raped by the men of Sodom?
- [3] (v 16) Why would he linger when told the city was about to be destroyed?
- [4] (v 16) Why would the angels have to take Lot and his family by the hands to draw them out of the city?
- [5] (v 30-38) Considering the behavior of the daughters, while Lot escaped the physical destruction, did Lot really manage to escape from the corrupting influence of Sodom?

Lot was most likely a very successful business man and not dumb or easily duped. Read 1 Cor. 15:33.

- [1] Discuss why Paul warned about being “deceived” concerning the influence of evil companions.
- [2] Think of at least three ways in which the ways of the world can creep into our lives and deceive us into thinking that we are not in jeopardy.

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

Those round about us

Read Judges 2:7-12 and search for why Israel would turn toward Baal.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss this passage and answer:

- [1] Is it possible for the ways of God to seem unrewarding?
- [2] Is it possible that the ways of Baal seemed to be “better”?

Together make a list of things which might influence Israelites to turn to Baal. After making your list, then consider Ps 73:1-7:

- [1] Deceived by the boastful (Ps 73:3)
- [2] Wicked appear to be prosperous (Ps 73:3)
- [3] Adorned with pride (Ps 73:6)
- [4] Eyes bulge with abundance (Ps 73:7)

Read Psalms 73:15-20, and discuss what the Psalmist came to realize that put this in perspective.

- [1] What can we do to guard ourselves against “stumbling” as the Psalmist almost did?
- [2] If a person knew that smoking would certainly lead to a tragic death, would anyone smoke?

Now read Habakkuk 3:17-19 and discuss how the prophet could have such an attitude. Read John 6:66-68, and discuss how the attitudes in these two passages can help us combat the tendency to be like those around us, and the tendency to desire the ways of evil ones.

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

Repressed Belief

Read John 12:42-50 and search for the consequences of repressed belief in Jesus.

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

Discuss.

- [1] What was the reason that those who believed (in v. 42) did not confess Jesus?

Read Luke 8:11-15 and search for how Satan can come and take “away the word” from the hearts of men. Separately, make a list of ways in which this can happen in our own lives. Together, compare your lists, and discuss:

- [1] If Satan is said to take the word “out of their hearts” — and the heart is where our treasure is — how can he cause that which is treasured to become not valued?
- [2] In v. 13, when time of temptation comes, why would some fall away?
- [3] Luke 12:34 tells us that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. If we highly value (treasure) 60” Plasma Televisions, riding around in expensive cars (to be seen by others), wearing the latest fashions (to be seen by others) ... what is our treasure?
- [4] Read Luke 12:33 and consider the implications of seeking treasure in this world — will it last?

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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