

## Thoughts For The Family

This Sunday morning, we are beginning a short series on the family. A godly family is integral to happiness in this life, but everyone has noticed the lessening degree of involvement of parents and children. When Hilary Rodham Clinton wrote her book, *It Takes A Village*, the prevailing thought of the book has taken hold. Homes are today no more than dormitories. Teaching has been left to schools and day-care centers. Raising has been left to the children.

A recent survey on what children hear the most from the father is "I'm too tired." Fathers are told to bring children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4), and Timothy was sound in the scriptures from the time he was a young man because of his upbringing (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15). Sadly, about the only part that some young people today know about the Bible is the table of contents. Let's make sure in a season of giving that we give our children what is most important: good examples and good instruction in the Lord and His ways. Galatians 6:7 says, "*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*" Do not let your home contain everything -- but the family. God will see it!

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