

So fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly...¹⁵But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve...But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 25:14a;15a,c (NLT)

How often does God come up in my natural conversations?
My family's?

Do I pray instinctively? Do my children?

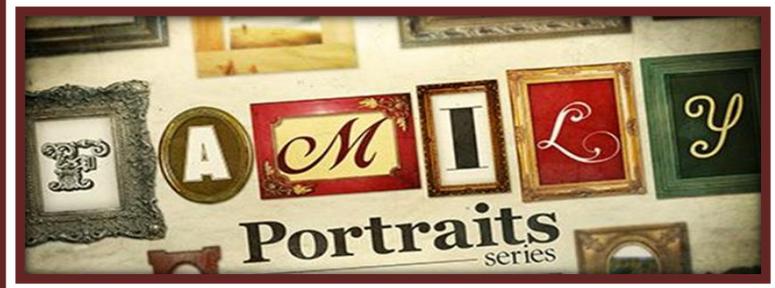
What have I purposely given up recently, in order to invest
in my spiritual life? My family's spiritual life?

Would my family say that God is at the center of my life?

In what ways do I hope my children have a marriage
like mine?

What area of my life is God working on right now?

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*Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress,
and for their children it will be a refuge. Proverbs 14:26 (NIV)*

- All things were _____ by
God for the _____ of God.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. . .

Colossians 1:15-18a (NIV)

*Bring all who claim me as their God, I have made them for my glory.
It was I who created them. Isaiah 43:7 (NLT)*

My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. ¹⁰All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory, John 17:9-10 (NLT)

I believe the glory of God is the going public of his infinite worth. I define the holiness of God as the infinite value of God, the infinite intrinsic worth of God. And when that goes public in creation, the heavens are telling the glory of God, and human beings are manifesting his glory, because we're created in his image, and we're trusting his promises so that we make him look gloriously trustworthy. The public display of the infinite beauty and worth of God is what I mean by "glory," and I base that partly on Isaiah 6, where the seraphim say, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. The whole earth is full of his—" and you would expect them to say "holiness" and they say "glory." They're ascribing "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. The whole earth is full of his—" and when that goes public in the earth and fills it, you call it "glory." (John Piper)

● _____ was
designed to bring God glory.

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

Genesis 1:27-28 (NLT)

...Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:18b-21 (NIV)

**Christian marriage is the _____
being reenacted each day as a husband
and wife share life together. Ephesians 5:22-33**

“A gospel centered marriage is where two people have as their principle focus the atoning work of Jesus Christ. It colors their attitude, it colors their relationship, it transforms everything.”- Tim Savage

**Christian parenting is a partnership with
_____ to prepare your child for
_____.**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NAS)

I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth.

3 John 1:4 (NLT)

● **The _____ of the culture
_____ Biblical focus.**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

*Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me
and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them
and their children forever! Deuteronomy 5:29 (NIV)*

● **Satan is actively attempting to
_____ God of the
glory due His name.**

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10 (NIV)*

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44 (NIV)

- Satan is trying to distort what God ordained a family to be.
- Satan seeks to undermine the sanctifying work of Christ.
- Satan knows the overwhelming long term effects of family sin.

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

II Corinthians 10:3-5 (NLT)