

NOW WORD Covenant Church
MISSION MINDED
Family Mission
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Introduction: We are in a new series entitled, “Mission Minded”. You’re going to learn the importance of having a mission and God’s mission for your life.

Joshua 24:15. But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? **But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.**” (NLT)

Family Mission Statement:

“But as *for me* and *my family*, we will *serve the Lord*.”
Joshua’s family existence is to serve the Lord.

Raising Godly Children:

Malachi 2:15. Didn’t the Lord make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. And what does he want? **Godly** children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. (NLT)

“All that parents want is for children to do what they say. All that children desire is the freedom to do what they want.”

Godly Parenting: H.I.M.

Ephesians 6:1-4. Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “**Honor** your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with **promise**: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” And you, **fathers, do not provoke** your children to wrath, but bring them up in the **training** and **admonition** of the Lord. (NKJV)

First Voice Principle: “The way you *talk to your child* becomes the *inner voice* they hear for the rest of their lives.”

1. H _____ authority – v.1-3
 - Child: **What** to think

- Adolescence: **Why** I think
- Adult: **How** to think

WHY: Obeying and honoring your parents, reverences God and receives His promise of: long life, full of blessings.

2. **I** _____ relationship v.4.

- Train (nurture)
- Admonish (discipline)
- Fulfill (calling)

Relationship Principle:

- Give me – dependent
- Mine – independent
- Ours - interdependence

WHY: God wants parents to train and discipline their children to be godly, so they can carry on the spiritual legacy of the family into the next generation.

3. **M** _____ character

Psalms 139:23-24. Search me, O God, and **know** my heart; **test** me and **know** my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. (NLT)

Principle:

- **Self-Awareness:** You consciously know and understand your own feelings, motives, desires, and character.
- **Self-Discipline:** You follow through and get things done that you need to accomplish.
- **Self-Control:** You're able to manage your mind, emotions, and desires to achieve goals and overcome adverse circumstances.

WHY: “Your gifts open the door, but your character will look after you.”

Next Time: *Marriage Mission*