

**How Can Faith Affect Your Family?
1 Timothy 5:8**

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1. Marriage is not an invention of man. It is God's creation.

I. Your Faith Can Provide Outside Resources.

- A. If there is one miracle performed by coming to know Jesus it is that of creating a new person.
 - 1. **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17**
- B. Many people come to church trying to find insights into Christian living who don't even qualify to be called Christians.
- C. We must be willing to accept the fact that we cannot make these changes all on our own.

II. Your Faith Can Give You A New Way To Look At Your Family.

- A. As a Christian, you have the Bible which gives specific instructions related to family living.
 - 1. **“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?” 2 Corinthians 6:14**
- B. The Bible teaches an attitude of permanence.
- C. The Bible teaches a sense of “we-ness” that can revolutionize your understanding of who you are.

III. Your Faith Helps You Admit When You Are Wrong.

- A. As a Christian spouse, you are able to admit that you are a sinner.
- B. We may also need to apologize to our children at times.

IV. Your Faith Enables You To Encourage Your Family When They Do Wrong.

- A. Once you understand your own faults and admit them, you are in a better position to be sympathetic to the faults of others.
- B. Jesus enables us to stand by those we love when they are wrong.
 - 1. **“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:8-9**