

FAMILY RETREAT OR RETREAT FROM THE FAMILY?

The family is in crisis in our nation. The “traditional” family (i.e., father, mother, and children) is being castigated, cast as a great evil in our culture. “Alternative families” that embrace “alternate lifestyles” are being modeled before us and our children as the new “all-American family.” Society decries the traditional family as a bastion of intolerance and ignorance, a stumbling-block in the path of “progress.” A cursory glance at the portrayal of family life in our nation would lead one to believe that the “one father, one mother, and children living under the same roof family” is in the minority, growing smaller with each passing day.

Where have all the families gone? While divorce, women’s lib and the embracing of ungodly perversions (styled “alternate lifestyles”) have led to the demise of the home in many regards, the voice of the family as God intended is being silenced, not by the media or by the voices of an overwhelming majority bent on changing the definition of family, but by a self-imposed bridling of the tongue. God forbid that we hold our tongues while our families are being devoured by filth and ungodliness! We must let our voices be heard! We will not stand for this foolishness any longer! The fate of the family in our nation will continue to suffer setback after setback when we sit idly by and say nothing.

Fathers, it is past time for us to “raise our children in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord” (Eph.6:4). Fathers must be those who will “command his children and his household after him” (Gen.18:19). Mothers, it is past time for you to “submit” yourselves (Eph.5:22) and “reverence” (Eph.5:33) your husbands, and to treat children to do the same. Mothers must be those who uphold the father as the head of the household, rather than portraying him as the bumbling oaf who’s only redeeming quality is bringing home a paycheck. Children, it is past time for you to “obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Eph.6:1).

Far too many fathers and mothers are retreating from their family responsibilities. When fathers and mothers abdicate their God-given obligations in the family, the children suffer and are made the worse for it. Let us do our part to uphold and honor God’s ideal for the family by accepting our responsibilities in the family, and by repenting of our failures in this regard. We have a great opportunity coming up to take part in a Family Retreat. While it will be a great time of fellowship and fun, more importantly it will serve to strengthen our families and call us to commit ourselves more fully to embrace our Divinely-appointed duties. You will be blessed; your family will be blessed; your community

will be blessed; this congregation will be blessed; God will be glorified.
Sign up **TODAY** to be a part of our Family Retreat!