



WISCONSIN FAMILY COUNCIL
Marriage|Family|Life|Liberty



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Strengthening, Preserving & Promoting Marriage, Family, Life & Liberty

And he [Jesus] said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Luke 2:49-51

Mark Your Calendar

WFC Presents:

"2016: It's All About You"

(Your impact in 2016)

Thurs., Jan. 14, 6-8 p.m.,
Sun Prairie Pizza Ranch

Thurs., Feb. 4, 6-8 p.m.,
Portage Pizza Ranch

To register, call
888-378-7395.

The Gift of Family

Family is the very heart of Christmas. Consider the greatest gift ever given—the Savior. Jesus is the only-begotten Son of God the Father; and in His incarnation, this Son was born into an earthly family of a married dad and mom. The Creator God Who designed marriage and family would have it no other way.

Perhaps the significance of this is easy to miss because we know the story so well or because this used to be recognized as the norm. Mary was unmarried (though engaged) when Jesus was supernaturally conceived. God told Joseph to go ahead and wed Mary, thereby insuring Jesus would be born into a married dad and mom family.

Family structure matters to God. His plan for the family is both simple and beautiful.

Historically and cross-culturally, family has been a married dad and mom who raise any children blessed to their union. This structure provides great blessings for men, women and children. Tampering with God's design only results in damaged lives. On a larger scale tampering will damage human flourishing.



God's plan for the family is something we should regularly talk about, encourage, celebrate, honor and most importantly follow. Many blessings come from doing family God's way. Because of God's "common grace," many of these blessings are enjoyed by believer and unbeliever alike.

When God commented on the handiwork of His creation, He declared it was good. But He also said it was "not good that the man should be alone." And so God made Woman to complete Man. Marriage is a relationship created and blessed by God for the benefit of men and women everywhere. When Jesus reiterated that God created male and female, He also clearly stated that marriage creates a "one flesh" kind of union, and that it is supposed to be

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We Recommend:

Your Family, God's Way: Developing and Sustaining Relationships in the Home, by Wayne Mack (P&R Publishing).

As this year comes to a close, would you prayerfully consider a gift to support the work of WFC? Through the end of the year, a generous donor has committed to matching all gifts, effectively doubling your impact!

Please Pray

- For our soldiers, especially those separated from loved ones at this time of year
- For your elected officials
- For marriages and families in your church
- For revival in our country
- For the work of Wisconsin Family Council on behalf of the churches in Wisconsin

permanent in nature (Matt. 19:1-6). Consider God's divine plan and divine order.

Woman—man's completer. When God gave Eve to Adam, He gave Adam one who was "meet" or "fit" for him. She completed him in a way that nothing else could. A good woman brings out the best in a man. She is a constant reminder that he is not to live for himself, but for others, and for the God who created both of them.

Man—woman's head. I Corinthians 11:3 is not a popular message in our culture, but the truth is men are to be the leaders in the home. It isn't a matter of superiority or patriarchy, but a matter of order. Abandoning God's plan invariably results in problems.

Parents—God's gift to children. Parents are to love their children, nurture them, protect them, and in short, enable them to flourish. If parents do their jobs well, they give their children both roots and wings—a solid foundation and safe home-base, but also the ability to "fly solo."

Jesus, the God-Man, willingly submitted to God's structure of the family, thereby placing His stamp of approval on it. As a young man of only 12, He was necessarily doing the work of God, yet He was also subject to His earthly parents (Luke 2:49-51).

When we do family well and right, there is no greater blessing or sense of fulfillment. When we get it wrong, there is no greater regret. Doing marriage and family according to God's plan actually gives us a taste of heaven on earth.

As we celebrate God's greatest gift to man, the gift of His Son to be our Redeemer, let's also celebrate God's great gift of family. And let's recommit to giving our children and our children's children the great gift of a good example and the blessings that come from honoring, respecting and submitting to God's amazing plan for marriage and family.

Merry Christmas to you and your family from all of us at Wisconsin Family Council!

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that since 1986 has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin. We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening and preserving marriage, family, life and liberty in our state.

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