



WISCONSIN FAMILY COUNCIL
Marriage|Family|Life|Liberty

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Strengthening, Preserving & Promoting Marriage, Family, Life & Religious Freedom

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

You're Invited!

Join us for our first 2022 Community Event!

"Your Backyard: Own It!"

Thurs., February 10
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Elkhorn Community Center

109 N Wisconsin St,
Elkhorn WI 53121

(No cost; complimentary supper)

Resolved: Make Your Family Great

Family is the middle word in our organizational name because it's the heart of our ministry. We take very seriously God's plan for marriage and family, the foundation of relationships and the foundational institution for every society. Getting marriage and family right benefits everyone.

Strong families, with strong dad-and-mom marriages, are every church's, community's, state's, and nation's best natural resource. That God designed this to be so should be enough for us to take marriage and family seriously;

but today, sadly, it's not. Our day demands empirical data for such assertions. Fortunately, a great deal of data supports the assertion that strong, married dad-and-mom families are essential to well-ordered, well-functioning, prosperous, sustainable societies. Not everyone believes the data, however, as too many policy decisions and headlines make painfully obvious.



Because we believe in God's plan and know common sense and empirical data support it, we want to do what we can to strengthen this bedrock institution. We are well into the new year already, but it's not too late to make some resolutions for this year relative to family.

- Resolve to spend more quality family time together. This doesn't mean merely being under the same roof at the same time. This is about the entire family intentionally setting aside time for family activities. Vary the activities. Include fun, physically active times, times of service for others, family game nights, and more. Build family bonds and memories.
- Resolve to spend more time together around God's Word. This resolution is intentionally general. Family devotions—

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Consider this:

President Ronald Reagan observed that “the family has always been the cornerstone of American society. Our families nurture, preserve and pass on to each succeeding generation the values we share and cherish, values that are the foundation of our freedoms.”

In truth, the family is the cornerstone of any society. And as we read in Deut. 6:5-7 (see front side bar), parents, and we would suggest also grandparents, are responsible for passing on biblical values to succeeding generations. Biblical values are indeed the foundation of our freedoms. “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

What a privilege and what a responsibility! If God is going to send revival to our land (and we pray to that end!), we suspect it will begin with, or at the very least include, a revival in our families of love for and knowledge of the truth of God’s Word.

Pray that God in His mercy will grant to our land a revival of the family—that He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers (Cf. Mal. 4:6).

which you really don’t hear much about these days—is very important. Gathering as a family to read God’s Word, talk about it and how it applies to every-day living, and praying together does amazing things for families—assuming dad and mom are positive, upbeat, and committed to it happening. Memorizing passages of Scripture together is a great way to hide the Word of God in hearts both young and old.

Included in this resolution is church attendance. Attending church as a family is vitally important for keeping a family together and on the right track. The example of faithful commitment to the family of God, and service to and with others, is invaluable.

- Resolve to limit technology use. We emphasize this because it’s becoming more and more important—and not just for the young. Limiting technology use for families begins with dad and mom limiting their own and helping their kids by having some family guidelines in this area. Smart phones offer access to every kind of temptation. Parents need to hold themselves accountable—and ensure their children aren’t captured by the dark side of the cyber world.

Resolving to have no technology at meals is a great idea. Ideally phones aren’t even in pockets during mealtime providing unnecessary temptations to respond to beeps or ring tones. Family meals need to be times of actually talking—to each other—face-to-face.

- Resolve as husbands and wives to make sure your children know you love each other. The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. The flip-side of that is true, as well. When children know their parents love each other, their sense of safety and security is greatly increased.

Additionally, marriage done well is catching! Children who see love, affection, respect, and togetherness modeled in their parents will want that for themselves one day and are encouraged that they too can have all that in their own marriages.

These four ideas aren’t rocket science. Strengthening your family unit doesn’t take brilliance; it takes dedication, purposeful planning, heart-felt commitment, and a few ideas you believe you can truly do. As this new year unfolds, ask God to help you make it the best one ever as you resolve to make your family great for God’s glory.

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin since 1986.

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, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious freedom in our state.

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