



SERMON NOTES

GLOBAL OUTREACH CHURCH

IT MATTERS (3): Family Edition **(Gen. 12:1-3; 18:17-19)**

Family: The bedrock of society

That the family is the bedrock of society is not an understatement. Families matter to God, families matter to you and I and most definitely matters to the world.

We get very good instruction for and about the family from scripture but not too many good families in practice. E.g. Lot, Eli, Samuel, David.

Merriam Webster dictionary defines family as the *BASIC UNIT in society*. The word basic, when closely examined means the essence. Which means that fundamentally, the shape and structure of society is determined by the family. For the most part, whether society thrives or decay is determined by the health of the family.

This is one reason why God started the world with a family and Israel with a family, in fact, one main reason why God chose Abraham was because he will ensure that his family does right by God (Gen. 18:19).

- God chose Abraham to start a new family (Gen. 12:1-3). Parable of Andre
- Fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham is contingent on the family thriving (Gen. 18:19).

A thriving family will:

1. Create values to live by (*the one thing principle*) Luke 10:42; Psalms 27:4; Phip. 3:13.
2. Pursue peace (*principle of homestieces*) Ge. 13:7-8; Romans 12:18
3. Always work for a desired future (*the principle of legacy*) Prov.13:22

Talking about legacy and the future - Prov. 13:22. Let's rethink insurance (better to have and not need it, than to need it and not have it).

