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Why Every Christian Should Care About Family Flourishing

THE IMPORTANCE OF A THEOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

A proper definition and understanding of the family is essential for promoting healthy relationships and building strong families. It guides how we treat one another, how we raise our children, and how we interact with the world around us. Christians believe that strong families are essential for promoting God's design for human flourishing and for reflecting his love and grace to the world.

THE BIBLE AND THE INSTITUTION OF THE FAMILY

The Bible teaches that family relationships are a central part of God's plan for creation. From the beginning, God created the family unit as the foundational building block of society. The Bible also provides guidance on how to live out family relationships in a way that honors God and promotes his purposes.

THE FAMILY AND PUBLIC POLICY

Christians can play a crucial role in advocating for policies that promote family flourishing. This includes supporting laws and policies that protect the sanctity of life, uphold the dignity of every person, and promote the well-being of families. Christians can work together with people of other faiths and with those who hold no religious beliefs to promote the common good and uphold the value of family.

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are many ways that you can make a difference in promoting family ethics. Here are a few suggestions:

- *Educate yourself about family ethics:* Learn about the issues related to family ethics and how they affect families in your community.
- *Pray for families:* Pray for families in your community and around the world, asking God to strengthen them and protect them from harm.
- *Advocate for family ethics:* Write to your elected representatives, expressing your support for policies that promote family ethics and protect the sanctity of life.
- *Be a witness for Christ:* Live out your faith in a way that reflects the love and grace of Jesus Christ, promoting strong families and healthy relationships.



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