

Key Objective:

The purpose of God in Creation is to build community that reflects His character. Clear, kind communication that strengthens family.

Bible Talk:

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ' This is the first and greatest commandment." - Matthew 22.37

Build a God Centred Home

1. Put God First

- He is not a bolt on or just an addition
- He has to be the centre the very core
- Not Just in theory but practically

Homes that are not God Centred can be:

- **Child centred** – It's all about the children and keeping them happy.
- **Problem centred** – No proactive thinking or progress. Always dealing with latest issue. Putting out fires.
- **Religion centred** – Things have got to look right to others. Image management. Often becomes legalistic.
- **Happiness centred** - Trying to keep everyone happy all the time.
- **Career centred** – Everything evolves around the career
- **Money centred** – It's all about money and the pursuit, gain and hoarding of it
- **Activity Centred** - Holidays, outings, busy, busy busy
- **Just plain old ticking along!** - Running from one thing to the next
- **Hurt Centred** – Hurts from the past rule the way they live today.

2. Learn what God says about family

- Read His Word - As a family but also an individual
- Learn what he says about our roles as fathers and Mothers, children
- The Bible has much to say about raising a family and teaching and parenting children

3. Pray together

- If God is the centre then talking to him is important.
- Encouraging personal prayer
- Family prayer - meal time etc
- Major decisions and needs committed to prayer
- Celebrate Answers

Conclusion:

1. It takes time and cannot be rushed
 2. Time to learn
 3. Time too implement
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Practical Steps:

- Create family Rhythms - Daily, weekly, annual
- Quality time - Fully present
- Meal times - A time to listen, ask questions - Make it safe and fun
- Ask God for help
- Family holiday each year - eating together and fun together TIME

