

Bringing Heaven's Atmosphere Home Stronger Families Through Christ - Part 4

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

Introduction

Matthew 6:10 (ESV) Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Philippians 4:7 (ESV) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

1. Set Your Heart on Heaven

Colossians 3:1-2 (ESV) If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:3 (ESV) For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:4 (ESV) When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

2. Put Off the Old and Put On the New

Colossians 3:5-7 (ESV) Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

Colossians 3:8-9 (ESV) But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.

Colossians 3:10-11 (ESV) And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

3. Let Christ Rule and Dwell

Colossians 3:12-13 (ESV) Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive

Colossians 3:14 (ESV) And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:15–17 (ESV) And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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1. In what ways do you most want your home to feel more like heaven this week, and where do you sense God inviting you to start today (Matthew 6:10)?
2. How have you experienced God's peace acting like a guard over your heart and thoughts when family stress rises (Philippians 4:7)?
3. Where do you notice your home being shaped by the world's patterns, and what renewed mindset could begin to shift the tone today (Romans 12:2)?
4. Which fruit of the Spirit would make the biggest difference in your home right now, and what would it look like in a typical moment of tension (Galatians 5:22–23)?

1. Set Your Heart on Heaven

1. What practical habits help you lift your desires and thoughts above daily distractions so they shape your family's atmosphere (Colossians 3:1–2)?
2. How does remembering that your life is secure with Christ change the way you respond to pressure at home (Colossians 3:3)?
3. How does the hope of seeing Christ in glory reframe small frustrations and routines in your family life (Colossians 3:4)?
4. What is one morning or evening rhythm you can begin this week to set the spiritual "thermostat" of your home toward heaven first?

2. Put Off the Old and Put On the New

1. Which "earthly" desires or habits most threaten peace in your home, and what does "putting them to death" look like for you (Colossians 3:5–7)?
2. Which words or tones creep in when you're tired or stressed, and how will you replace them with honesty and grace (Colossians 3:8–9)?
3. Where do you need Christ to renew how you see a family member so you relate to them in His image rather than old patterns (Colossians 3:10–11)?
4. What regular check-in could your family use to confess, forgive, and encourage each other so the atmosphere stays clean?

3. Let Christ Rule and Dwell

1. Where is forgiveness currently needed in your home, and how could compassion and patience open the door to reconciliation (Colossians 3:12–13)?
2. What does choosing love as a daily action look like in your closest relationships when schedules are tight (Colossians 3:14)?
3. How can peace, thankfulness, Scripture, and worship take up residence in your routines so decisions are made under Christ's rule (Colossians 3:15–17)?
4. What simple practice will you add this week to keep Christ's words in the center of your conversations and choices?

Conclusion

1. Are you more of a thermometer or a thermostat at home right now, and what single shift will help you set the temperature rather than react to it?
2. Which one focus will you pursue first this week, setting your mind above, putting off the old, or letting Christ's peace rule, and who will you invite to support you?