

# FAMILY MATTERS: INVESTING IN THE THINGS THAT LAST

## LOOKING BACK ON THINGS THAT MATTER

GENESIS 1:26–28; 2:18–25; MATTHEW 15:1–5; MARK 6:31



### The Heart of the Matter

The cultural ground upon which the “traditional” family stands has become soft and uncertain, especially since the counter-cultural quake of the 1960s. Regardless of the shifting sands of time and societal mores, God’s original design for the family begins with establishing a stable foundation with the marriage of two individuals—male and female. Once the foundation of the marriage is firmly laid, six pillars should be built, which will give any family resilience to withstand the erosion caused by the influence of culture.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. A Few Words of Clarification (Genesis 1:26–28; 2:18–25)

The modern family doesn’t look like the family of old. But God, who invented the family, hasn’t changed His original blueprint of what a family should look like.

#### 2. In Light of This . . . What Really Matters? (Matthew 15:1–5; Mark 6:31)

A healthy marriage and family is built upon principles, relationships, priorities, acceptance, forgiveness, and respect.



### Starting Your Journey

It would be wise for every family to apply three practical suggestions. First, keep the “big picture” in mind. Second, make your Christianity easy to live with. And third, work on changing yourself, not others.



### Tools for Digging Deeper



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