

## SEVEN MORAL VIRTUES THAT LEAD TO A HEALTHY FAMILY

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- 1. HONESTY.....**"Everyone in our family is always expected to be honest with one another."  
*9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, 10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him— (Colossians 3: 9-10 NASB)*  
*15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ... (Ephesians 4:15 NASB)*
- 2. KINDNESS.....**"In this home, we will always treat one another kindly and act just as we would like to be treated by others."  
*32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:32 NASB)*  
*12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience... (Colossians 3:12 NASB)*
- 3. PEACEFULNESS....**"In this family, we talk calmly to one another and listen respectfully. We try to solve our conflicts peacefully and honestly."  
*19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another. (Romans 14:19 NASB)*  
*9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9 NASB)*  
*14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14 NASB)*
- 4. RESPECT.....**"We talk to one another respectfully with words that build each other up and don't put each other down. We also honor and respect each other's privacy and property."  
*17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king. (1Peter 2:17 NASB)*  
*1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, 2 to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men. (Titus 3:1-2 NASB)*
- 5. RESPONSIBILITY....**"Each of us shares a responsibility to make our home run smoothly. We all agree to do our chores to the best of our ability, and we finish our work before we play?"  
*4 But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. 5 For each one will bear his own load. (Galatians 6:4-5 NASB)*  
*7 Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. (Ephesians 6:7 NLT)*  
*23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men... (Colossians 3:23 NASB)*
- 6. EFFORT.....**"Everyone is expected to always do his or her personal best."  
*11 Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. (2Corinthians 13:11 NASB)*  
*24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. (1 Corinthians 9:24 NASB)*  
*14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14 NASB)*  
*7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith... (2 Timothy 4:7)*
- 7. PERSERVERENCE...**"In this family, we don't give up."  
*16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16 NASB)*  
*14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you... (Philippians 3:13-15 NASB)*  
*1 THEREFORE LET us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrine of Christ (the Messiah), advancing steadily toward the completeness and perfection that belong to spiritual maturity. Let us not again be laying the foundation of repentance and abandonment of dead works (dead formalism) and of the faith [by which you turned] to God... (Philippians 8:13-14 AMP)*