

## Joshua 24:15

As for Me and My House

*Duly devoted ...*

### I. Me

1. Quiet
2. Communication

### II. My House

1. Homes
2. In Tune with The Lord

*... and ready to serve.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. Why is it important for you to spend time alone with God?
2. Jesus taught the disciples to pray what we call "The Lord's Prayer." Do you know that prayer? How can that prayer help us to pray?
3. Do you think it is a good idea for families to pray and read God's Word together? How can you help make that part of what your own family does?
4. What will help you to keep God on your mind throughout the day – even though you are doing all kinds of different stuff.

## Heart and Home

Joshua makes a statement that the head of any Christian household should embrace. The first part is for all the saints of God. Personal commitment to serve the Lord is of the essence of what it means to be a believer. The second part is for those given the special privilege of spiritual authority. Those who are granted the honor to oversee and influence others must do all they can to guide them to serve the Lord. This is especially true for parents. Each of us must take special care to prepare ourselves and those under our care for service. Undergirding service is devotion. To serve the Lord properly we must be devoted to Him first. To keep our dedication lively we must communicate with the Lord on a regular basis through His Word and prayer. We need to be dedicated to the means of grace that God has given us and direct others to do the same. There is tremendous blessing in faithfulness but there is also great risk in neglect. To be blunt – there is no time to slack off. What can we anticipate for ourselves and our children if we are half-hearted in our commitment? Thankfully God is merciful despite us ... but if we are negligent in our devotion, we will be weak in our service. We simply cannot expect to be strong in the Lord ourselves if we are not seeking Him regularly. We cannot expect our children to walk in His ways if we are not teaching them how to tap into the means of grace, he provides for his covenant people. Perhaps today is a good day to renew your vow to serve the Lord – and to seek His grace anew for the awesome task of leading your household in faithful service to your God.