

**THE FOUNDATION FOR A STRONG FAMILY**  
**Families Values - Part 1**  
**Exodus 20:2; Mark 12:30**  
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**Deut. 6:6-7a** "Never forget these commands that I am giving you. Teach these to your children..."

**I. THE FOUNDATION FOR A STRONG FAMILY**

**Ex 20:2**"You shall have no other gods before me"

**The Principle:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Promise:** Prov. 3:6 "In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success."

**II. HOW DO I PUT GOD FIRST? -----**You give Him your \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 12:30** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." --Three Ways---

**1. We love Him THOUGHTFULLY -- focusing my \_\_\_\_\_ on God.**

"...with my mind"

**\*Psalm 139:1-3.** "You have looked deep into my heart, Lord, and You know all about me. You know when I am resting or when I am working" -- -- "You notice everything I do and everywhere I go."

**How do you do that?**

1. Establishing a daily time with God

**\*Matthew 6:6** "Find a quiet secluded place, so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense His grace."

2. Develop a constant conversation with God.

**\*Isaiah 26: 3,** "you will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, whose thoughts are fixed on You!"

**2. We love Him PASSIONATELY by expressing my \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

"...with my heart and soul"

**\*Hosea 6:6** "I don't want your sacrifices -- I want your love! I don't want your offerings -- I want you to know me!"

**\*Exodus 34:6** "He is the God who is passionate about his relationship with you."

**How do I do that?**

1. By saying thank you

2. By giving your life to Him

**Romans 6:13** "Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life."

**3. We love Him PRACTICALLY by using my \_\_\_\_\_ for God.**

"...with all your strength"

**\*Colossians 3:23**" Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people."

**\*Romans 12:1** "Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, your eating, your going to work, your walking-around life – and place it before God" – as a Offering."

**\*Matthew 6;33** "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these other things shall be added unto you."