



Fighting For An Awesome Family

Awesome Series – Part 3

Nehemiah 4:14

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Nehemiah 4:14

¹⁴ After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."-- (NIV)





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4 Traits of Awesome Families

1. Awesome Families Are Playful.

Ecclesiastes 8:15¹⁵ So I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given them under the sun.-- (NIV)





1 Timothy 6:17b

**17 . . . God, who richly
provides us with everything
for our enjoyment.-- (NIV)**





Ecclesiastes 11:8a

**⁸ People ought to enjoy
every day of their lives, no
matter how long they live
(NCV)**





Ecclesiastes 9:9

**⁹ Enjoy life with your
wife, whom you love,
(NIV)**





Psalm 127:3


**3 Children are a gift from
the LORD; they are a
reward from him. (NLT)**





Ecclesiastes 8:15

15 So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink, and enjoy life. That way they will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives them under the sun.-- (NLT)





2. Awesome Families Encourage Growth

**Luke 2:52⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.--
(NIV)**





What Do We Learn From Our Families

**A. We Learn What To Do With
Feelings.**

**B. We Learn How To
Handle Conflict.**





C. We Learn How To Handle Loss

Proverbs 24:16¹⁶ Even if good people fall seven times, they will get back up. (CEV)

D. We Learn What Values Matter Most

E. We Learn Good Habits





How Do We Learn From Our Families

A. We Learn Through Example.

John 13:14–15¹⁴ And since I have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.-- (NLT)





B. We Learn Through Conversations.

Deuteronomy 6:7⁷ You must teach them to your children and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and the first thing in the morning.-- (TLB)





C. We Do NOT Learn Through Criticizing.

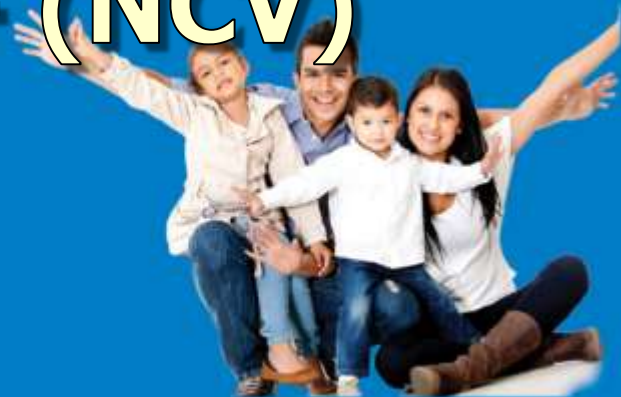
Ephesians 6:4⁴ And now a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice.-- (TLB)





D. We Do NOT Learn Through Comparing.

**Galatians 6:4⁴ Each person
should judge his own actions and
not compare himself with others.
Then he can be proud for what
he himself has done.-- (NCV)**





Matthew 5:45b

**45 . . . it rains for the ones who
do right and for the ones who
do wrong.-- (CEV)**



3. Awesome Families

Protect Each Other.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10⁹ Two are better off than one, . . . ¹⁰ If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him.-- (GNB)





Psalm 71:9

**⁹ And now, in my old age,
don't set me aside. Don't
abandon me when my
strength is failing.-- (NLT)**





4. Awesome Families **Serve God and Others**

Hebrews 10:24²⁴ Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds.-- (NCV)



Acts 10:2

² He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.-- (NIV)





1 Corinthians 16:15

¹⁵ Do you remember Stephanas and his family? They were the first to become Christians in Greece, and they are spending their lives helping and serving Christians everywhere.--
(TLB)





A. Awesome Families Are Not Accidental.

B. Awesome Families Are ~~Not~~ Intentional.

**Joshua 24:15¹⁵ . . . Choose today
whom you will serve . . . but as for
me and my family, we will serve the
LORD.”-- (NLT)**





Acts 16:31–33

31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved – you and your family” **32** And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. **33** so then he and all his family were baptized at once. - (NLT)





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