

# Because, #thefamilymatters!

## Write a Family Value Statement

“...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”  
Joshua 24:15 NIV

God has placed each of us in biological and spiritual families. Creating a family value statement is a great way to intentionally pursue your God-given purpose together. Gather your family and follow these simple steps to create a meaningful value statement.

## Begin with Prayer

Discover the purpose God has for your family by spending time in prayer. Ask God to reveal your family purpose and wait expectantly for him to provide insight and unity. Ask him for his creativity and wisdom as you identify your family values.

## Open the Bible

God's Word is central to the work of creating a family value statement. Read verses that are especially important to the people in your household and consider reading these additional family affirming verses as you craft your family's value statement.

Joshua 24:15	John 13:34-35	Hebrews 3:13
Micah 6:8	Romans 12:1-2	Hebrews 10:25
Matthew 5:14-16	Philippians 1:27	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Matthew 22:36-39	Philippians 4:6-7	
Matthew 28:19-20	Philippians 2:3-4	

## Consider Some Questions

Use the following questions to spark conversation about your family identity. Spend time in discussion and record your answers.

What do we love doing together?	What are the unique talents, gifts, and abilities of family members?
What are our family priorities?	What unique contribution can our family make to make the world a better place?
What priority does God have in our family?	What kind of family do we want to be?
How will we treat those around us?	What values guide our family?
How will we treat one another?	

## Select Family Values

Review your answers to the questions above and look back at the Scripture verses that resonated with your family. Identify 4-6 value words or phrases to represent your family. If you're having trouble narrowing the list down, don't worry. Pray again, take a vote, or come back to the list in a day or two.

*Example: Our Family: trusts God, loves others, shares generously, speaks truthfully and serves cheerfully!*

## Display Your Values

Display your family value statement prominently in your home as an encouragement to your family members. Bring the values to family meetings or discuss them during meals to celebrate and affirm your family.