

Listen to the video "SELFLESS KINDNESS."

PRINCIPLE #5: A FAMILY CULTURE OF KINDNESS

"It will be what we DO that carries the day over what we say." What are our kindness "specialties?"

"Love (and kindness) cover a multitude of short-comings and sins." What are some of the central shortcomings we have observed about ourselves and our family?

Listen to the video "PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT."

PRINCIPLE #6: AGREEMENT PARTNERSHIP

"Trouble from the inside of our marriage will undermine our entire family." What troubles?

"There are many **styles** of parenting, but the **principles** must be agreed upon and applied."

What specific things can we pray about and work toward that will help us be in agreement?

What processes will help us adjust our expectations?

Listen to the video "DINNER TABLE SPIRITUALITY."

PRINCIPLE #7: DINNER TABLE SPIRITUALITY

Communicative cohesiveness can be developed through dinner table connectedness

"Standards - feelings - reasoning processes - spirituality/should all be in open dialogue in a family."

How often are you together for a daily meal? Is this something that can be planned and kept? Do you see the need and have the will to do this as a couple?

What mechanisms do you implement to produce connectedness and communication when you are together as a family? (reading, game nights, planned subject discussions)

Listen to the video "BUILDING UNDERSTANDING."

PRINCIPLE #8: BUILDING UNDERSTANDING LINE UPON LINE

Line upon line, layered instruction. Bring the Living Word into your home by example.

- Tell family stories about what is happening at work and school.
- Model, build, and discuss character in light of everyday experiences.
- Pray together when substantive things happen to ourselves or others we know.
- Encourage heart sensitivity vs. mere compliance or "doing the right thing."

Which of these are most attainable for you? The most unreachable?

In what ways do you feel adequate to provide this kind of guidance?

In what ways do you feel inadequate?
