

Having A Good Journey in Our Family Life



Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- **Conclusion – “Having A Good Journey in Our Relationships”**
- **Purpose: to help us build relationships with people so that they will be edified and strengthen.**
- **Goal: (1) to strengthen our relationships with God and man. (2) To make us aware of how important it is for us to minister to our family and the family of God.**
- **The family unit when done correctly has many blessings and advantages.**
- **The benefits of having family and friends to share life with is much more important than the things we possess in life.**
- **Many years ago, a popular song was written entitled “We Are Family.”**
- **This series will help us to understand the true meaning of giving and receiving in a relationship.**

○ **Some definitions of family:**

- 1. A family is here there is more than one of you.**
- 2. A family is where people sincerely and genuinely enjoy being together.**
- 3. A family is where people have a sense of shared beliefs.**
- 4. A family is where people act and interact in ways that really work based on principles that govern their lives.**

- **In this message we will talk about the vision of this church.**
- **Without an understanding, why we are here, there will be no real success.**
- **Each of us have individual families and homes, however, in the mind of God, He thought that it would be important that He would bring us together and make us a body.**
- **Most of us know that we can’t go anywhere unless you know where you are going.**
- **I do not want to come to the end of my life and have wandered around and went nowhere.**
- **I don’t want my family to just wander around.**

- Here in the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon's experience with the independent man caused him to consider the importance of family and friendship.
- Let's look at some of Solomon's conclusions:
 1. Two of them could work and gain more together (v. 9).
 2. Two of them could reach out and help each other up when one of them fall (v. 10).
 3. Two of them could provide warmth for each other (v. 11).
 4. Two of them could better defend themselves together (v. 12).
 - Two of them could do even more with a third companion (v. 12).
 - Those who spend their lives in the company of other people do not often think about these facts.
 - In contrast, the selfish person thinks on an entirely different level where everything revolves around his or her needs and desires.
 - Solomon's illustrations about the traveler can be applied to the non-physical realm as well.
 - Indeed, of all the unhappy men Solomon observed in his kingdom, this man who was all alone was the saddest and most pitiable of them all.