



A Courageous Plan To Get The Family Team Back On Track (Pt. 2)
Ephesians 4:14-15; Matthew 12:25-31, (NKJV)
(They Must Avoid Being Divided)

July 8, 2018

Big Point: Having a culture of division can hurt your family team

Last Week: Part One Big Point: Having the wrong job description can hurt your family team

Introduction:

1. The Family Team Should Be Truthful (Ephesians 4:14-15)

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2. The Family Team Should Not Be Divided (Matthew 12:25)

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I. The Recipe For Uniting The Family Team

Be Mature, Informed and Sensitive (Ephesians 4:14-15)

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1. Be Mature: Avoid **acting like children** who are easily convinced to believe anything
2. Be Informed: Avoid acting like children who are **easily tricked** into bad behaviors
3. Be Sensitive: **Speak the truth** to your family **in love ...that you may grow up...**

II. The Danger of Dividing The Family Team
(The Family Can Become Desolate)

Matthew 12:25

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Desolation Defined: To isolate, wilderness, depopulate, to lay waste, to be destroyed, to cause to dry up

Question: Does this describe your family, your church or your life?

III. The Way to Stay Close to The Family Team
Matthew 18:21–27 (NKJV)
(Forgive Your Team)

- 21 Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Note: This is 490 times.

Question: Does this mean that it is okay for people to abuse me? No, Romans 12:19: Don’t insist on getting even; that’s not for you to do. “I’ll do the judging,” says God. “I’ll take care of it.”





Next Time July 15, 2018: A Courageous Plan to Forgive and Avoid Unhealthy Strife (Part 3)

Read Ahead: Matthew 18:15-35

Important Balance: You will never avoid all differences and disagreements. But, you can avoid foolish and childish behaviors during these seasons. (I Corinthians 3:1-4)

Series Recap and Look Ahead:

1. Know your family's job description (not knowing your job description hurts the team)
2. Avoid being a divided team (being divided hurts the team)
3. Forgive and avoid unhealthy strife on the team (unforgiveness and strife hurts the team)
4. Be willing to expand the team (stagnation hurts the team)
5. Be a present team member (being absent and unengaged hurts the team)
6. Be willing to sacrifice (a lack of sacrifice hurts the team)

Review Last Week:

A Courageous Plan to Get Families Back On Track (Part 1)

Deuteronomy 6:6

(Know Your Family's Job Description)

Part One Big Point: Having the wrong job description can hurt your family team

1. They delegated away their job description (Deuteronomy 6:6)

- 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **7 You shall teach them diligently to your children** and shall talk of them **when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.** 8 You shall **bind them as a sign on your hand**, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall **write them on the doorposts of your house** and on your gates.

Note: This is not the Sunday School teachers, the Pastors, the Evangelist, or the Prophet's main job. They supplement what you do at home (Ephesians 4:11-12).

2. They created expensive models that are hard to maintain

- Because churches and communities delegated away their responsibilities to others this created a cycle of frustration and hopelessness. We need families to take charge of their young and adult children. We need communities to supplement their families with tools that will help them provide for themselves.