

Back to the Basics

Building Stronger Families with
Oneness

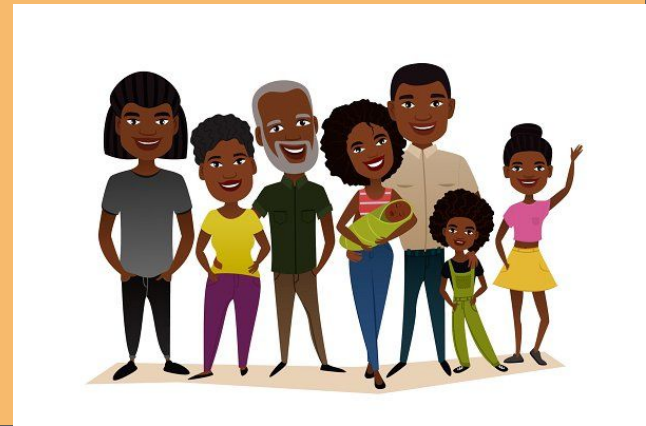


Anchor Verse

That they all may be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe [without any doubt] that You sent Me.” - John 17:21 AMP

Bottom Line

Stronger families and oneness are a **MUCH NEEDED** tool during this season.



Memory Verse

God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid. He gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7 ICB





Icebreaker

Let's take one (1) minute and think about the word family and then answer the following questions:

1. How strong is my family?
2. What does a strong family look like?
3. Does my actions/behaviors weaken or strengthen my family?



Today we want to discover the power of
ONENESS and apply practical actions that will
allow us to develop this **ONENESS** in our
families!



Colossians 3:17

And Whatever You Do - Colossians 3:17



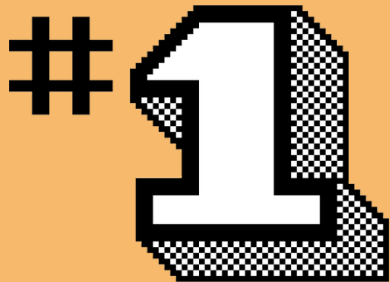
Let's discover the
power of ONENESS
in our families.



Oneness Starts in the Heart.

Whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus [and in dependence on Him], giving thanks to God the Father through Him. 18 Wives, be [e]subject to your husbands [out of respect for their position as protector, and their accountability to God], as is proper and [f]fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives [with an affectionate, sympathetic, selfless love that always seeks the best for them] and do not be embittered or resentful toward them [because of the responsibilities of marriage].

Colossians 3:17-19 AMP 17



Oneness Starts in the Heart (cont'd).

20 **Children.** obey your parents [as God's representatives] in all things, for this [attitude of respect and obedience] is well-pleasing [g]to the Lord [and will] bring you God's promised blessings]. 21 Fathers, do not provoke or irritate or exasperate your children [with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive; nor by favoritism or indifference; treat them tenderly with lovingkindness], so they will not lose heart and become discouraged or unmotivated [with their spirits broken].

Colossians 3:20-21 AMP17

Oneness Starts in the Heart (cont'd).

Truths identified in this passage:

1. Jesus is our Why (vs. 17)
2. Submission is mom's (the wife's) portion (vs. 18)
3. Love is dad's (the husband's) portion (vs. 19)
4. Obedience is our (the child's) portion (vs. 20)
5. Tenderness is God's (the Father's) portion (vs. 21)

Why does Oneness start in the Heart?

Proverbs 4:23 says,

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” This is the most basic truth to return to. The heart of the matter is that the heart is what’s the matter.



Why does Oneness start in the Heart? (cont'd)

A. When Jesus is our WHY (keeping our minds focused on pleasing on Jesus) our Actions remain Pure.

B. When Submission (yielding to authority) is the Attitude of our Hearts, Rebellion is Quenched.

C. When Selfless (more concerned with the needs of others) Love is the Expression of our Hearts,
Selfishness is Silenced.

D. When Obedience (to obey authority) is the Action of our Hearts, Division is Defeated.

E. When Tenderness (gentleness and kindness) is the Condition of our Hearts, Controlling Behaviors are
Broken.

Practical Ways to Build Strength in Your Family by Developing Oneness!

- A. Start with Showing Appreciation - Give a note with kind words!
- B. Spend Time Together - Pray together, Play together, Eat together and Go for walks together!
- C. Share a Gift - Give a gift that is meaningful!
- D. Serve Each Other - Challenge one another to find ways to serve each other!



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To Start Building Oneness, First Let's look at our Family's Current Condition:

- A. Are the members of my family motivated by Jesus?
- B. Are we operating through submission or rebellion?
- C. Do we show selfless love or selfishness?
- D. Is obedience our activity or is division our reality?
- E. Are we tender towards one another or controlling?

Let's Build a Stronger Family with Oneness!



Simple Prayer

Dear Lord,
Help my family to grow
stronger and become one
In Jesus' name,
Amen.



Click the link for the activity that you and your family will enjoy!

<http://akidsheart.com/holidays/thanks/cl317a.htm>

Have Fun!!!