"Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men"



Mark 2:3

Loyalty to Family:



Manifestations – Essentials - Blessings

I. Manifestations of Loyalty (1)

Adherence to other family
members and supporting those
who are weak among them



- 2. Sharing life willfully
- 3. Embracing family values and principles (The Rechabites)

I. Manifestations of Loyalty (2)

- 4. Persevering to bring other members to the Lord Christ
- 5. Putting the family's best interests above personal desires or gains



II. Essentials to develop family loyalty (1)

No one can be loyal to his/her family if he/she doesn't belong to himself. "A man without self-discipline can never be said to belong to himself. He belongs to whatever can make captive of him" -- John Foster



II. Essentials to develop family loyalty (2)

- 2. Selfishness is the number one enemy to family loyalty
- 3. It is a shared responsibility between all of the family members



II. Essentials to develop family loyalty (3)

4. Parents are responsible for:

- Modeling love and sacrifice
- Facilitating connection
- Embracing godly values and living consistently by them
- Making home a place of refuge and peace



II. Essentials to develop family loyalty (4)

5. Children are responsible for:

- Understanding and appreciating their parents' efforts and sacrifices
- Knowing and fulfilling their roles and duties, not only their rights



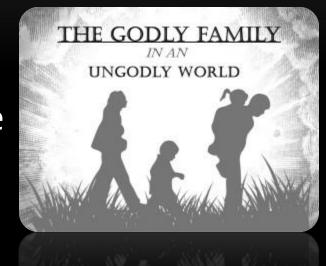
III. Blessings of loyalty to family (1)

- 1. Enjoying the presence of God who works in and through unity
- 2. Fulfillment of the family's purpose and functionality:Members' growth and salvation God is glorified



III. Blessings of loyalty to family (2)

3. Family members' security against the temptations of the world



4. The well-being of the Church and the nations