

Sermon Outline for August 26, 2018 Text: Ephesians 5:22-6:4

Title: "Ten Characteristics of a Happy Family" (Part 1)

Introduction

When you got married, did you plan to live happily ever after, like people do in fairy tales? Research has found ten common characteristics of happy families. We will look at five today and five next week. We will follow this pattern for all ten characteristics: research, Bible, and application.

I. A Happy Family practices religion as a family.

Research:

Bible: Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 31:12

Application:

II. A Happy Family makes a commitment to the family.

Research:

Bible: Ephesians 5:29

Application:

III. A Happy Family will focus on strengths with appreciation and affirmation.

Research:

Bible: Ephesians 5:28, Proverbs 15:1

Application:

IV. A Happy Family will spend time together.

Research:

Bible: Ephesians 5:15-16

Application:

V. A Happy Family communicates with each other.

Research:

Bible: Ephesians 4:25-27, 5:19

Application: