

# FAMILY TIME

## 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> COMMANDMENTS – GOD'S GIFT OF CONTENTMENT

Family Time is meant to be an opportunity to get the family talking about spiritual things. Multiple studies show that parents and grandparents are the #1 faith role models in a child's life. We know life is busy, but we want to give you opportunities to grow together. A great time to do this is in the car, while eating a meal, or simply anytime you can enjoy together.

1) As a family, grab some of the ads you get in the mail or the newspaper from department, sporting good, electronic, or hardware stores. Look through it and write down three things you wish you could have.

Parent(s):

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Student:

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Sibling(s):

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### *Weekly Memory Verse:*

*"For where your  
treasure is, there  
your heart will be  
also."*

*Matthew 6:21*

2) Student, what was something you really wanted when you were 7 years old? Do you still want that now? Why or why not? Do you think what is on your list above will be any different 20 years from now? What does this tell you about our wants?

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3) Is it wrong to have money or possessions? When can money or possessions be wrong? Read 1 Timothy 6:10.

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*(continued on back)*

4) Have a parent read 1 Timothy 6:6-8 while you fill in the blanks: "But godliness with \_\_\_\_\_ is great \_\_\_\_\_. For we brought \_\_\_\_\_ into the world, and we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ anything out of the world. But if we have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, with these we will be \_\_\_\_\_."

5) Parent, read this: Being happy with what God has given us and realizing that all we need in this world is food, clothing, shelter, forgiveness, and people that love us is the way a Christian should think. This is called Godly thinking, or godliness as the verse talked about. Being content and thankful for what God has provided is the key to joy in this life.

6) Together, make a list of 12 things your family is thankful for:

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### **For Further Study...** *(an optional section for families that want to go deeper)*

Read Luke 15:11-24. This familiar story of the prodigal son is but one of the lost stories in Luke 15. This chapter is often called the "Lost Chapter" because it contains parables of the lost sheep, lost coin and lost son. Actually all three parables were spoken to reveal the love God has for the sinner, therefore the emphasis is on God, not upon humans. Yet, you can see that humans are well described in this last parable as they sin by coveting.

Study the result of a covetous heart as you read through this parable:

Verse	12	Stubbornness	He didn't care about doing the right thing.
	13	Selfishness	Spent all his new wealth as he wanted.
	13	Separation	He ran away from his family and support.
	13	Sensuality	He lived only for pleasure.
	14	Spiritual Emptiness	He lost it all and was desperate for something real.
	15	Self-Abandonment	He gave up on who he was because he was desperate.
	16	Starvation	He ate with pigs because he had nothing.

These seven downward steps result from a young boy's covetous heart. From time to time, everyone experiences at least one of these consequences from sin. In what ways in your life have you experienced these things and how did they affect you?

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print your name so we can read it)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_