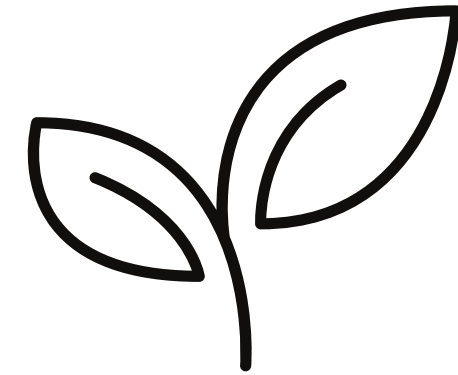


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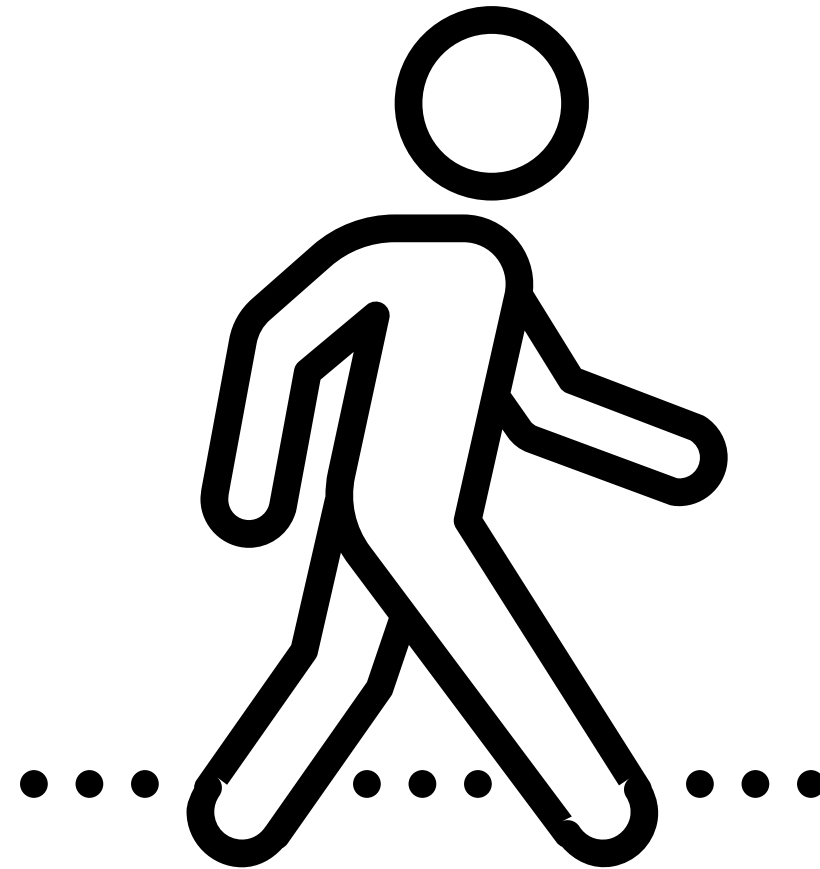
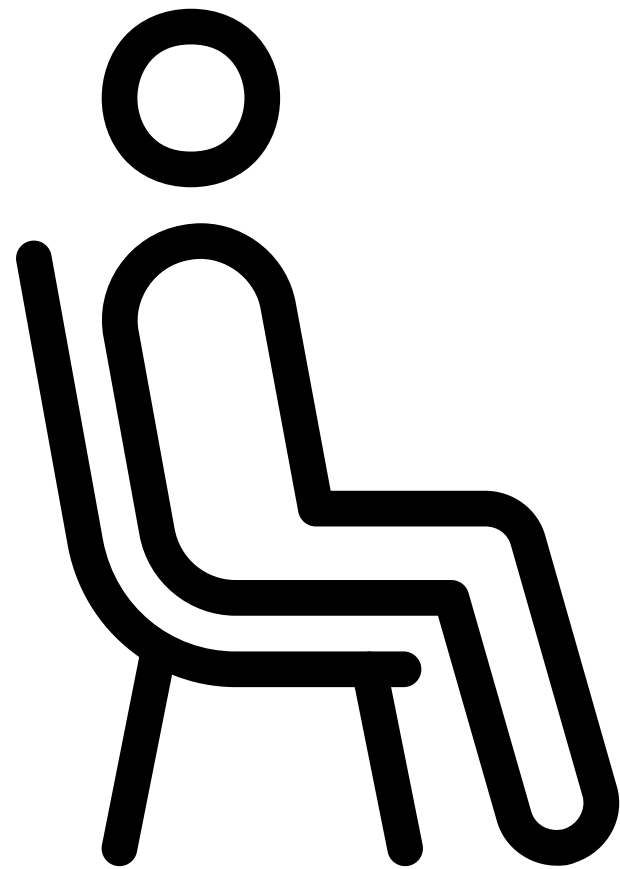


Three essentials of Family Education Today



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Sit, Walk, Stand



The view from *grace*



'I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

– **Romans 12:1**

Essential #1: Sit

Building the Family Altar



Family Worship

Regular family worship will ground us together in God

- We are taught to teach, to worship, to pray, and to praise
- Deut. 6:7: 'You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house...'

'Religion was first hatched in families, and there the devil seeketh to crush it'

– Thomas Manton (1620–1677)

The Testimony of the Saints

‘That governors of families must as priests erect family-altars
for God's worship’ – **Oliver Heywood**

‘How sad is the condition of these families that sin together,
and never pray together’ – **Matthew Henry**

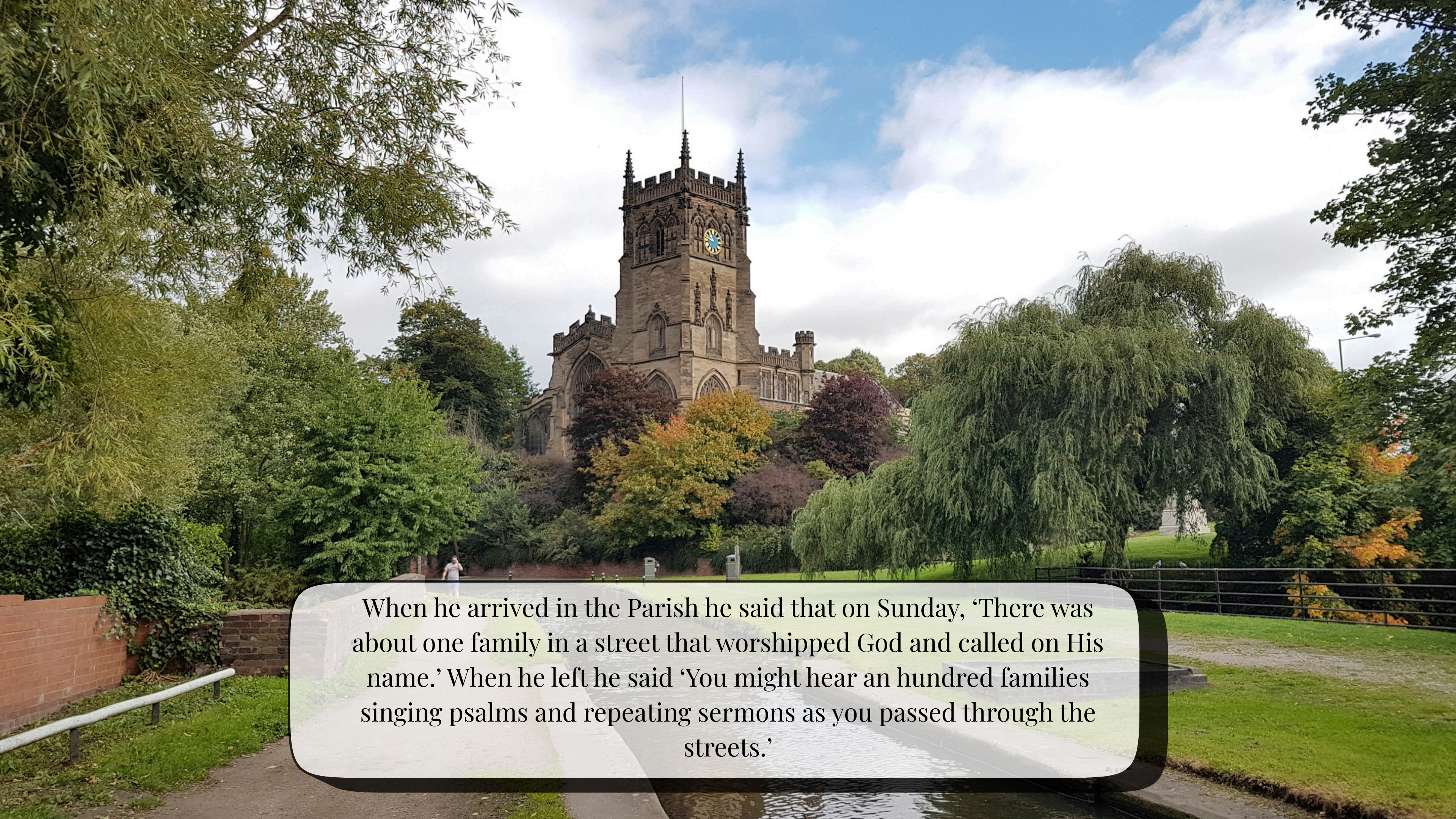
‘In times of deep distress I have been sustained
by the words of hymns learned in family prayers.’
– **Elisabeth Eliot**

The Testimony of the Saints

‘We may appeal to the obvious: families as families have praises to offer, sins to renounce, thanksgivings to express, needs to make known to God. For families to do so, they must unite in a common act of worship.

Dare the family tackle each day without seeking the protection and provision of Almighty God?’

– ***Terry L. Johnson***



When he arrived in the Parish he said that on Sunday, ‘There was about one family in a street that worshipped God and called on His name.’ When he left he said ‘You might hear an hundred families singing psalms and repeating sermons as you passed through the streets.’

Read, Pray, Sing



Little and often, short and sweet ...

Dealing with Discouragement



'Blessed is the man who never stops starting family worship'

Elisabeth Eliot



'I tell this part of our story for the encouragement of fathers who do not find it easy to talk to anyone about spiritual things, let alone moderate a family discussion group. 'I'm not really very spiritual,' I have heard men say. 'My wife's better at that.'

But a father is the priest in his home, held responsible by God for the spiritual training of his children. I am sure my father did not feel adequate in any sense of the word—far from it, in fact.'

Essential #2: Walk

Joining with the local church



Church Membership: Our Needs

‘Even the sparrow finds a home, and
the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your
altars,
O LORD of hosts, my King and my
God.’

Psalm 84:3



Church Membership: The Church's Needs

‘If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.’

1 Cor. 12:26, 27



Church Membership: Christ's Commands

“but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Luke 22:32

‘...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.’

Hebrews 10:25



Essential #3: Stand

Defending the Shire





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New guidance;
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Sweeping
legal
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The Needs:
Clarity, Conviction, Courage



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