

MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

By Charlie Gómez

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The members of our household have certain rights in our house that other people don't have. For example, we would not think it strange if a member of our household came in hungry, opened the refrigerator and proceeded to serve himself something to eat. On the other hand, most of us would consider it rude and of very bad taste if someone who was invited to our house for the first time opened the refrigerator to get something to eat or started to uncover the pots to see what's for dinner. Neither would we allow them to go into our bedroom without our permission. However, this would seem perfectly normal for a member of our family. Why? Because a relationship has been established. We have a certain intimacy and trust with the members of our household that we don't have with others outside our home. In the same way, those who have become disciples of Christ, share an intimacy with God that others are not able to share. As members of God's family, we have an intimate relationship with God and enjoy certain rights and privileges that those who are satisfied with a superficial relationship with Him can't enjoy.

Members of God's family enjoy the benefit of a direct access to the Father through His Spirit. Words cannot express the distance between us and God as a result of our sin, but because of the work of Jesus on the cross we are no longer strangers to God but members of His household. The Apostle Paul explains this in **Ephesians 2:17-19 (NIV)** **“¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household...”** Since we have a place in His family we are to act as family and not as strangers. We must make an effort to cultivate our relationship with God and with one another through prayer, serious Bible study and meaningful fellowship with other members of God's family. Without this effort we would be acting as acquaintances rather than family members. Let us take full advantage of the blessing of being part of God's amazing family.

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” 1 John 3:1 (NIV)

“As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” Joshua 24:15

FAMILY MATTERS

A “QUALITY” PEOPLE

By Ladi A. Davies

“¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” (Matthew 4:16 ESV)

In speaking of the coming kingdom of God, the Prophet Zechariah affirmed, “¹⁶On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. ¹⁷For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.” (Zechariah 9:16-17 ESV)

God affirms through Zechariah that the people of God would “shine” in their new reality, in the kingdom of God, and the young men and women would “flourish”. He uses language and terms the people at that time could understand, yet the point is: the citizens of the kingdom would have a true and distinct “**quality**” about them. The question we should ask is: are we, our marriages and our families truly shining and flourishing?

In the College Ministry, we are praying that as we reach out to the lost we may not lose sight as to the *kind* of people we portray to the lost. Specifically, they need to see our close relationships with God and each other, that we are this “shining” and “flourishing” people who hold out the love of God in the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. The quantity of people reached will be more impacted by the **quality** of the people God is using to reach out to them. As we hold out the message that saves and changes lives, let us pray that people see in **us**, our **marriages** and our **families** what they are missing, so that just like in Jesus’ time the people in New York living in darkness might SEE the great light! Amen.

“And the Lord added to their number” Acts 2:47

BAPTISMS

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Dwight Thomas | June, 2012 | Timra Tomengo | December, 2011 |
| Lahsann Rogers | May, 2012 | Allison Araya | December, 2011 |
| Taonga Mubebo | May, 2012 | Temi Shobitan | November, 2011 |
| Ken Begin | February, 2012 | Robinson Unelus | November, 2011 |
| Rhonda Washington | January, 2012 | Maurice Thomas | November, 2011 |

“They gave themselves first to the Lord” 2 Corinthians 8:5

CONTRIBUTIONS

| Time Period | Weekly Attendance (Average) | Weekly Contribution (Average) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| April, 2012 | 280 | \$10,620 |
| May, 2012 | 295 | \$10,130 |
| June, 2012 | 293 | \$8,797 |
| Weekly Averages for Q2 | 289 | \$9,849 |

Weekly Budget: \$9,000

BE CAREFUL THAT YOU DON'T FORGET THE LORD

By Rebecca G. Young

“After you have eaten all that you want, be careful that you don't forget the LORD...” Deuteronomy 6:11b-12a (GW)

We have a wonderful Father in heaven who knows how to give us good things (**Matthew 7:11**). He lavishes His love upon us. He is an awesome provider of every need we have for this life and the next (**2 Peter 1:3**). Jesus came so that we might have an abundant life (**John 10:10**). Our loving Father wants to see us enjoy life as He designed it. He wants us to find joy and satisfaction here on earth. What He doesn't want us to do is get so absorbed with the things He has provided to the point that we forget Him. Have you forgotten the Lord? My Sisters, are you distracted with the “things” in your life, so much that you have forgotten the One who has given you those things? Has carrying out the Lord's will become just a theory, an idea, and no longer a practice?

As the years go by, and the blessings pile high, it can become easy to take the Lord for granted. Sometimes we even forget where we came from. We forget what we once were before Christ rescued us and cleansed us. We get comfortable in the newness and forget what the Lord has accomplished in us and for us. Have you ever heard the phrase “Familiarity breeds contempt”? This idiom means that the more familiar you become with something or someone the more you lose respect for that thing or that person. Are you becoming dull in your love and respect for the Lord, or even His church or His work? Has your role as a wife, mother or servant of the Lord become tiresome or tedious?

It is important for us to remember the Lord. Remember what He has done for you. Remember how He has blessed you and cared for you. Remember the Lord who has taken you out of slavery, the slavery of sin...especially after we have “eaten all that we want.” This is the encouragement the Lord God gave the Israelites in **Deuteronomy 6:10-18 GW**. **“The LORD your God will bring you into the land and give it to you, as he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This land will have large, prosperous cities that you didn't build. Your houses will be filled with all kinds of things that you didn't put there. You will have cisterns that you didn't dig and vineyards and olive trees that you didn't plant. After you have eaten all that you want, be careful that you don't forget the LORD, who brought you out of slavery in Egypt. You must fear the LORD your God, serve him, and take your oaths only in his name. Never worship any of the gods worshiped by the people around you. If you do, the LORD your God will become very angry with you and will wipe you off the face of the earth, because the LORD your God, who is with you, is a God who does not tolerate rivals. Never test the LORD your God as you did at Massah. Be sure to obey the commands of the LORD your God and the regulations and laws he has given you. Do what the LORD considers right and good. Then things will go well for you, and you will enter and take possession of that good land which the LORD promised to your ancestors with an oath.”**

The Lord has given instruction here on how to be careful not to forget Him...You must...

1. **Fear the Lord** (respect, honor, love, reverence; **Psalm 33:8; 34:9; 86:11; 111:10**)
2. **Serve the Lord** (only Him –**Luke 4:8**; with fear **Psalm 2:11**; with gladness **Psalm 100:2**)
3. **Take oaths only in His name** (Carry out your oath-**Numbers 30:2**)
4. **Never worship any of the gods worshipped by the people around you** (media, fashion, money-**Lk16:13**, prestige)
5. **Never test the Lord your God** (**Luke 4:12; Acts 4:9**; instead test yourself- **Lamentations 3:40**)
6. **Be sure to obey the Commands of the Lord your God** (**1Samuel 15:22; Deuteronomy 12:28; Ecc 12:13**)
7. **Do what the Lord considers right and good** (**Psalm 25:8; 34:14; 37:27; 119:68; 143:10**)

If you think you may have allowed your relationship with God to become dull or too familiar to the point that you have forgotten Him, I encourage you to renew yourself unto the Lord your God. Start fresh and remember how good the Lord has been to you. Practice these seven things and like it said in **Deuteronomy 6**, **“Then things will go well for you”** on into eternity. God bless you my sisters!

“Good works, which God prepared beforehand” Eph. 2:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † Off Bible Class Dates: July 4th, August 22nd, September 12th
- † Devotional Service Dates: July 13th, 27th; August 10th; September 7th, 21st
- † Church BBQ: Saturday, July 21st at Belmont Lake State Park. Food is being served at 11:30am
- † VBS 2012: August 20th-24th 7pm-9pm at the NYIT SAC building. Register now at www.licoc.org/vbs
- † Singles Ministry Seminar: September 1st, 11am-3pm at Fort Trotten Park. See Victor Quaye for details.
- † Long Island Harvest Campaign: Saturday, September 29th starting at 11am in the NYIT Chapel
- † Keep up with all church events by joining LIChurch Space! Go to www.licoc.org and click the LIChurch Space link!
- † If you would like to order a CD of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- † All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- † Address/telephone changes can be sent to directory@licoc.org or posted in the Directory Group on LIChurch Space.
- † **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel” Mark 16:15

MISSION WORK

- † Apologetics Press.....International
- † We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- † Ron Clayton.....India
- † Doug & Lucy McDougle.....Ukraine, Russia
- † Long Island Harvest Campaign.....Central Islip, NY

“Watch your life and doctrine closely” 1 Timothy 4:16

BIBLE CLASSES

Long Island Ministry

Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm
Robert Carr (631) 348-7322
New York Institute of Technology Chapel
Carleton Avenue
Central Islip, N.Y.

City Ministry

Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm
Pedro Gelabert (347) 732-2101
St Luke’s Baptist Church Laurelton Sr Center
133-21 232nd Street
Jamaica, NY 11413

College Ministry

Thursdays 7:20pm-8:20pm
Ladi Davies (631) 413-5863
SAC Room 308 at Stony Brook University
100 Nicolls Road
Stony Brook, NY 11790

Spanish Ministry

Tuesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm
Charlie Gómez (631) 772-2889
New York Institute of Technology Chapel
Carleton Avenue
Central Islip, N.Y.

Sunday Bible Classes

Grades 2-12 and Adults
Sundays 12:30pm-1:15pm
Pedro Gelabert, Robert Young
New York Institute of Technology Chapel
Carleton Avenue
Central Islip, N.Y.