

Effective Families #3: "Putting First Things First"

1. Effectives families have learned how to put first things first.
 - a. "There is no way we can be effective in our families if we don't prioritize _____ in the first place."
 - b. Goethe, "Things which matter most, must never be at the _____ of things which matter least."
2. For most people, there is a huge _____ between what they *say* they value the most (priorities) & how they live their lives
 - a. Often we don't *do* what we *say*- we don't live into our _____ & values (the "truth")
3. John 8:31, "The truth will set you free"
 - a. You are only a disciple if you *do* what you know is right
 - b. You cannot be truly _____, if you know something to be right, but then you *don't* do it.
 - c. You cannot experience that freedom, if you don't live the _____
- God & family *must* come first, above everything else
 - d. Do you really believe that living out what you know to be "Truth" will set you & your family free?
 - e. To create a beautiful family culture, "they" only found their freedom when they made some tough decisions to live into what they knew to be true- not just say family is a priority, but to literally make it so
4. Einstein, "No problem can be _____ from the same consciousness that created it."
 - a. If you are trapped at a dead end & running into a wall, you will not move forward, until you _____ directions
 - b. Changing directions takes courage
5. Our story reminds us that if you build your life around the wrong things, you will find that you really have no _____ at all.
 - a. Jesus - Build on Rock, not on sand
6. Your _____ is only about the quality of your relationships
7. 4 Ways to Live a "Love-filled" Life
- sacrifice & discipline required
 1. Find a way to spend weekly time together
 2. Find a way to spend one-on-one time with each member of your family every week
 3. Find a way to spend weekly time together worshipping God
 4. Find a way to spend daily one-on-one time with God