

FAMILY ALTAR GUIDE



Family Planning

How to Do Planning in the Family



FUN

Time to Thank and Praise God for What He Has Done

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make this moment a “meeting time” wherein you can have “cooked food” or “delivered food” while your whole family enjoy this 1-hour meet up with the purpose of intimacy, information and inspiration.
- You can also have a simple group game to perk up everyone’s interest and basically have fun.
- Remember: ***“It’s more fun at home with the family.”***

Faithful Family Declaration

I believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit whose love and destiny, I will live it.

I am a lover. I'm a worshipper. I am a giver, supporter, peacemaker.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

As for me and my campus, we will seek the Lord.

As for me and my workplace, we excel for the Lord.

Thus, I will connect with God daily. I will work with my faith group weekly.

I will use my talents to serve the ministry.

As Jesus makes my heart pure, He makes my future secure.

This year, I will trust and obey For His blessings are sure to stay.

Support and pray for the mission of national transformation.

Faithful's 2020 vision is *Mighty Multiplication*.

ICEBREAKER

- **Answer:** How many Facebook friends do you have? How many of them do you actually communicate with?
- **Share:** What is your "champion moment" this week?



FOOD

Time Share and Apply God's Word to Our Lives

INSTRUCTIONS

- Before the sharing of today's SPIRITUAL FOOD, jump start the meet up with a fast or slow worship song can be played live or through YouTube.
- Singing Christian Worship songs can refresh and refocus a stressful mind and heart.



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Take Note

Few things in life happen spontaneously. **You need a plan**—a plan for building relationships, for sharing the Gospel to others, for reading the Bible, and for praying each day.

Almost everything in life needs a plan.



Take Note

Good leaders are planners. They always **think through** where they're headed, and they **don't waste time worrying about failure.** Effective ministry leaders start with **prayer**, and then they **plan** what God wants them to **accomplish.**



Why is planning so important for your ministry?

1. **God does it.** *“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord” (Jeremiah 29:11 NLT).*
2. **God commands it.** *“Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way” (Proverbs 4:26 GNT).*
3. **Planning shows good stewardship.** *“Live life, then with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time. Don’t be vague but grasp firmly what you know to be the will of the Lord” (Ephesians 5:15-17 PHILLIPS).*

Take Note

Nehemiah was a **master planner** and gave us a biblical model for how to do so in our family. He had an enormous challenge ahead of him when he returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the city walls. It's impossible to tackle something that big on rush.



Five lessons on family planning....

- 1. Think it through**
- 2. Prepare for opportunities**
- 3. Establish a goal**
- 4. Set a deadline**
- 5. Anticipate the problems**

Five Lessons on Family Planning

Lesson #1

**Think it
through**





In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence.

Nehemiah 2:1 (ESV)

Take Note

Howard Hendricks said, ***“Nothing is more profitable than serious thinking, and nothing is more demanding.”***

Leaders make time for think time.

Lesson #2

Prepare for opportunities





Take Note

When opportunity knocks,
we must be ready to open the door.
Life is full of opportunities. There are
overlooked opportunities all around
us. Often, we're not ready for them.

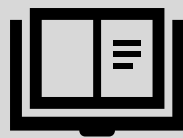
Take Note

Nehemiah was ready. He had been praying for an opportunity to present his idea to the king—and he finally got it. Nehemiah admitted he was scared, but he took the opportunity God put in front of him. **Leaders move ahead despite their fears.**

Lesson #3

Establish a goal





And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it.”

Nehemiah 2:5 (ESV)

Take Note

You need a **target**. If you aim at nothing, you'll hit it. Ask yourself three questions as you set the goal:

- What do I want to be?*
- What do I want to do?*
- What do I want to have?*



Take Note

I encourage you also to
set big goals—so big that
God must bail you out!
Big plans honor God.

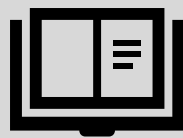
Take Note

Nehemiah was a great example of this. He had never built a wall (or anything else) when he went to Jerusalem to build the wall, but **he trusted God for this humongous goal.**

Lesson #4

Set a deadline





And the king said to me (the queen sitting beside him),
“How long will you be gone, and when will you return?” So it pleased the king to send me when I had given him a time.

Nehemiah 2:6 (ESV)



Take Note

Nehemiah establishes
a **specific timeline**.

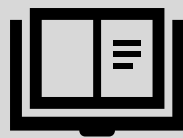
A goal needs a **deadline**.

A goal **without a deadline**
isn't a goal.

Lesson #5

**Anticipate
the problems**





And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah,...

Nehemiah 2:7 (ESV)

Take Note

As you set out to tackle your goals, make the effort to define what could potentially hold you back. Managers focus on **solving today's problems**, leaders focus on **solving tomorrow's problems.**



Take Note

Leaders **anticipate problems**
nobody else thinks about.
Then they figure out a way to
overcome the problems
before they arrive.



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Time to Serve our Family, Friends and Others

#FaithfulEverywhere

- Monday **FLI E-Class**
- Tuesday **Family Altar**
- Wednesday **Midweek Service**
- Thursday **Prayers**
- Friday **Training**
- Saturday **CYOD**
- Sunday **Celebration Services**