

Good, Better, Best

With All My Family

There are two kinds of family. There's the family you were born into and the family that raised you. Sometimes that's the same family, but in today's new world order, that's not necessarily so. Whether we're born with a personality and propensities for how we think and the choices we'll make, or whether it's how we're raised that imprints all that into our psyche, virtually everyone believes that your family played a crucial role in helping you become who you are today. But what if your family isn't done with you? What if in your life they've got more "raising" to do? What would that look like?

Genesis 3:1–13

1. A smart person learns from _____ . A wise person learns from _____ .
2. We are _____ for one another.
3. A key theme in the Christian Bible is _____. As a church, we _____ or _____ together.
4. We are each one responsible for _____ and _____ so we can be the best church possible.

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll intentionally be an encourager of unity this week
- I'll be responsible for my part and engage my skills, gifts, or talents for the work of the church
- I want to know more. I'll attend the Getting Acquainted Lunch next week

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper, Going Further

Scripture: Genesis 3:1–13

Introduction: We all make mistakes. Every one of us. The fool repeats the same mistakes. The smart person learns from their mistakes. The wise person learns from other's mistakes. But it's your family that's meant to be there for you to help keep you from making so many mistakes in the first place. The problem is, although we're "supposed" to be our brother's and sister's keepers, we live in a culture where it often seem smarter to just let one another do what they "need" to do and not to get involved. But smarter isn't necessarily wiser.

1. What's the difference between a family that's actively involved with each other and one that meddles?
2. Who would you say was the most influential family member in your life? How did they influence you?
3. Read Genesis 3:1–7. In verses 4–6, what were some of Eve's temptations? (There are several listed here.)
4. Define what sins of commission and sins of omission are.
5. Dr. Bill suggested that Romans 5:12 may imply that the very first sin wasn't the eating of the forbidden fruit, but Adam's decision to not intervene. What do you think?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 1:10–12. Why do you think there were divisions in the Corinthian Church? What does Paul suggest is the remedy to the divisions?
7. If we are all our brother's and sister's keepers, who is responsible for bringing unity to the church?

Who will you invite to worship with you this week?
