



Fighting for an Awesome Family

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...Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes. Nehemiah 4:14b (NIV)

What are some of the traits of Awesome families?

1. Awesome Families Enjoy one Another

Solomon: "I commend the enjoyment of life..." Ecclesiastes 8:15 (NIV)

Children are a gift from God. Psalm 127:3 (TLB)

I recommend having fun...That way you will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives you. Ecclesiastes 8:15 (NLT)

2. Awesome Families Encourage Growth

Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and with man. Luke 2:52 (NIV)

How?

- **Through Example** Jesus: "Since I have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you." John 13:14-15 (NLT)
- **Through Conversations** ...These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when

you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)

- **Not Through Criticizing or Comparing** Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice. Ephesians 6:4 (TLB)

3. Awesome Families Express Love

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NLT)

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

4. Awesome Families Exalt God and Serve others.

He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. Acts 10:2 (NIV)

Choose today whom you will serve . . . As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord! Joshua 24:15 (NLT)