

## **B. The Language of Heaven is Prophetic**

*I Corinthians 14:3 AMP – But the one who prophesies speaks to men for their upbuilding and constructive spiritual progress and encouragement and consolation.*

Question: Am I speaking prophetically into people's lives with the purpose of building them up?

## **C. The Language of the World is Accusation/Death**

Dishonor: to disgrace; to bring reproach or shame on; to stain the character of; to lessen reputation.

*Galatians 5:14-15 AMP – (14) For the whole Law concerning human relationships is compiled with in the one precept, You shall love your neighbor as you do yourself. (15) But if you bite and devour one another, be careful that you and your whole fellowship are not consumed by one another.*

*Ephesians 4:29 AMP – Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk ever come out of your mouth, but only such speech as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace, God's favor, to those who hear it.*

Question: Is what I am speaking beneficial to the spiritual progress of others? Is it a blessing or a curse?

## **CONCLUSION**

*I Peter 4:8-11 AMP – (8) Above all things have intense and unailing love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins forgives and disregards the offenses of others. (9) Practice hospitality to one another, those of the household of faith. Be hospitable, be a lover of strangers, with brotherly affection for the unknown guests, the foreigners, the poor, and all others who come your way who are of Christ's body. And in each instance do it ungrudgingly, cordially and graciously, without complaining but as representing Him. (10) As each of you has received a gift...employ it for one another as befits good trustees of God's many-sided grace...(11) Whoever speaks, let him do it as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, let him do it as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, the Messiah.*

# **GOD'S DIVINE FAMILY**

## **A Family of Honor**

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### **GOD'S FAMILY - EXTENDED**

*II Corinthians 6:18 AMP – I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.*

He sent Jesus who became the Son of Man in order that we would become the sons of God. (Galatians 4:5-6)

*John 1:12 AMP – But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority, power, privilege, right to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in, adhere to, trust in, and rely on His name.*

*Hebrews 2:11 AMP – For both He Who sanctifies (Jesus) making men holy and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason He (Jesus) is not ashamed to call them brethren.*

Jesus is the exact representation of the Father and therefore He is our example (Hebrews 2:3).

### **GOD'S FAMILY - CORE VALUES**

#### **I. FAMILY ATTITUDE - HUMILITY**

*Philippians 2:5-7 AMP – (5) Let this same attitude and purpose and humble mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: Let Him be your example in humility: (6) Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God...did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, (7) but stripped Himself of all privileges and rightful dignity, so as to assume the guise of a servant, in that He became like men and was born a human being.*

#### **A. Jesus Set Aside His Position**

*Philippians 2:3b-4 AMP – In the true spirit of humility, lowliness of mind, let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself, thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves. (4) Let each of you esteem and look upon and be concerned for not merely his own interests, but also each for the interests of others.*

Question: Do we value our position more than our relationships?

## **B. Jesus Set Aside His Rights/Privileges**

*Philippians 2:8 AMP – And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself still further and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross!*

Walking in humility is an issue of the heart; it is a lifestyle and it is an attitude that is God-given.

Question: Are we demanding our rights or seeking what is best for the whole family?

## **C. Pride an Enemy of Humility**

Pride will never allow us to become “one in the Spirit, with one mind and one purpose.” Our personal rights and privileges will always be a source of division and strife within the family, because it has “I” at the center of it instead of “we.”

*James 5:16a AMP – Confess to one another therefore your faults, your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins and pray also for one another, that you may be healed and restored to a spiritual tone of mind and heart.*

*James 4:10 AMP – Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you, He will lift you up and make your lives significant*

Question: Is pride keeping me from walking in humility and uniting with God's Family?

## **II. FAMILY BEHAVIOR – SERVANTHOOD**

### **A. Jesus Became a Servant**

*Matthew 20:26-28 AMP – (26) Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, (27) and whoever desires to be first among you must be your slave – (28) Just as the Son of Man came not to be waited on but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.*

Question: Are we demanding to be served or are we willing to become a servant?

### **B. Jesus Demonstrated Servanthood**

*John 13:4-5, 12-15 AMP – Jesus got up from supper, took off His garments, and taking a servant's towel, He fastened it around His waist. (5) Then He poured water into the washbasin and began to wash the disciple's feet and to wipe them with the servant's towel with which He was girded. (12) When He had finished washing their feet and had put on His garments and had sat down again, he said to them, Do you understand what I have done to you? (13) You call Me the Teacher, Master and the Lord, and you are right in doing so, for that is what I am.*

*(14) If I then, your Lord and Teacher, Master, have washed your feet, you ought, it is your duty, you are under obligation, you owe it to wash one another's feet.*

*Galatians 6:10 AMP – So then, as occasion and opportunity open up to us, let us do good morally to all people, not only being useful or profitable to them, but also doing what is for their spiritual good and advantage. Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith those who belong to God's family with you, the believers.*

Question: Are we willing to put down the sword in order to take up the towel?

### **C. Idleness an Enemy of Service**

*Isaiah 58:9b-11 NIV – (9b) If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, (10) and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. (11) The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.*

When we are not occupied with the things we should be doing we will be found occupied in what we should not be doing.

*Romans 12:10 AMP – Love one another with brotherly affection as members of one family, giving precedence and showing honor to one another.*

Question: Am I investing in myself, others and the family of God or have I been sitting by idly while pointing the finger?

## **III. FAMILY LANGUAGE - LIFE**

### **A. The Language of Heaven is Life**

*John 6:63b AMP – The words that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life.*

*Ephesians 5:19-21 AMP – (19) Speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voices and instruments and making melody with all your heart to the Lord. (20) At all times and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. (21) Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ the Messiah, the Anointed One.*

*Proverbs 18:21 AMP – Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it for death or life.*

Question: When was the last time I inspected the fruit of my words? Are they life-giving?