

Session **13**

Developing a Team Attitude

Summary of the Video:

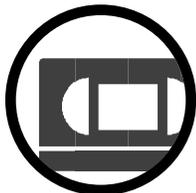
Honor comes when we value each other. This session talks about viewing our children as brothers and sisters in Christ. When families grasp this truth, they see the tremendous value of children and parents. Several practical ideas are shared to help families grow closer together as a team.

Read Along in the Book: "Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes, in You and Your Kids"

Pages 179-188 talk about how we view each other in family life. Fathers and mothers are really brothers and sisters to their children when family members have accepted Jesus into their lives.

Suggested Introduction:

In this session we'll learn a different way of thinking about our children and our family as a whole. Dr. Turansky and Mrs. Miller will give us a refreshing view of the family that will encourage us to honor one another in new ways. Let's listen to what they have to say.



**Show the
Session #13 video**

Suggested Transition:

This idea of being brothers and sisters with our children may be new for you. Spend some time in your groups now and try to unpack this idea a little more.

Goal of the Discussion:

To challenge the way parents view their children and to give them renewed vision that the hard work of parenting is worth it. Lasting change takes time.



**Give 30-35 minutes for
group discussion and
prayer, then encourage
everyone to come
back together**

Suggested Conclusion:

If you feel like family life in your home is a constant tug of war, you are not alone. Take some time this week to look for ways to honor your children as brothers and sisters. Challenge your children in this area of teamwork and hang in there. Remember that change doesn't come quickly, but your efforts will be well worth it in the end.

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Paul gives a new way to view our family:

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household.” – Ephesians 2:19

Some ideas for developing a team attitude in family life are...

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

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is a collection of earthly parents and children who have been adopted into the household of God by faith, thus becoming spiritual brothers and sisters with God as their Father.

One thing I’m going to work on is...

“ *You may be putting money away to save for your kids to go to college. You're investing in them in a lot of different ways. We're suggesting that there's another way to invest in your children: to teach them this concept of honor. It's part of the Ten Commandments. God knows how important it is so he even listed it as one of the ten. He knows children need to learn it when they're young so that they can grow up understanding this concept.* **”**

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- Why is it hard to think of your kids as brothers and sisters in Christ?

- How can you have a team view of the family without losing a sense of authority?

- How can you help a child who views parents as opponents to develop a team attitude? How can you help this child respond to the family as a team member?

- What is one way that honor has changed your family?