

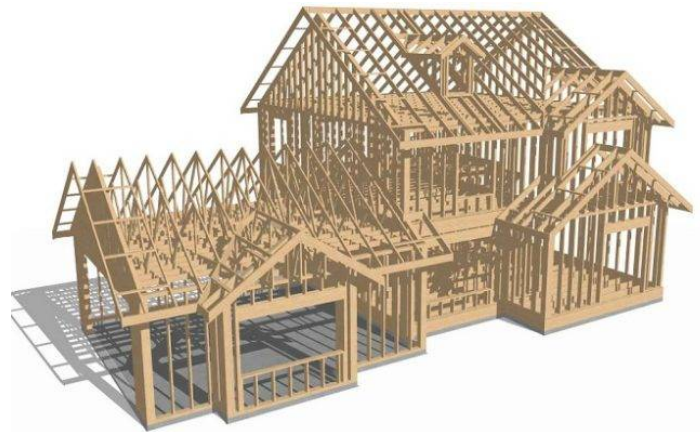


Throughout his written revelation to mankind, God has recorded historical accounts of families.

- 1 Samuel 1-3 is a prime example of two families heading in completely different directions.
 - Hannah and her “giving” of Samuel to the LORD all the days of his life (1 Sam 1:9-11)
 - Eli and his failure to “restrain” his sons who were blaspheming God (1 Sam 3:10-14)
- Every person blessed with time and opportunity will choose whether to walk with God or not. But practically speaking, what can parents do to “frame” a mindset of “giving” oneself to the Lord?

_____ and wisely _____
 your _____ (Eph 5:15-16).

- To the best of our ability, we need to make _____ a distinct environment from _____ (2 Thes 3:10-12; Gen 2:2; 1 Cor 7:33-34)
- Children need and deserve the _____ of their parents (Matt 11:15)
- Our Father in heaven expects fathers and mothers on earth to consistently communicate spiritual _____ to their children, and that takes time (Deut 6:4-7)



Parents: above all else, aim to develop Christ-like _____ in your children.

- Jesus increased in _____ and _____, in favor with _____ and _____ (Luke 2:52; 2 Tim 1:5)

Children need _____ from those who love them (Heb 12:5-11; Eph 6:4).

Saturate all of your efforts with _____ (1 Thes 5:17; 1 John 5:19).