

우리 가정을 믿음 안에서 사랑한다면?

How is faith and God shown in your family's life?

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Love God and love others, the Bible says. My family works hard to follow that, though it may be tiring. We show faith and God in our family's life in many ways, but we make sure they are all in the categories of loving God, loving others, or both, sometimes.

Our family loves God. We show our faith and God in our life through many things, such as going to church every Sunday. Though it does not seem like a very important thing, personally, it is believed that it is a very important, as we basically promised to meet God properly on Sundays, to reset. It is also important for our mindfulness, and determination in having persistency in believing in God, and showing that in our lives continuously. Each of our family members also read the bible, and are all in a bible studying group. The reason why reading the bible is so important is that it is something that connects us to God, and it is a treasure that contains great knowledge, and can help us become not only closer to God, but to help communicate with him. We all also work at the church we go to. I record online service for the preschool, and younger children, my mom works in the baby room on Sundays after taking early service, and my dad helps with everything, as well as scooping up rice for the sold lunch at church, and volunteering for the treasury of the church. We do this because we care about the church, God's temple.

Our family also loves others. We show this through helping people, by making use of the things we have, such as money. After the company World Vision visited our church, we realized it would be a good idea to start using our money for something good continually, since our donations were always a onetime transaction. The World Vision is a company that helps out impoverished families and towns all over the world through getting donors to financially

support one child per family by paying a certain amount of money per month or year. We started helping out N'gwasi, (a girl in Tanzania) by sending things through mail, donating extra money on her birthday, and telling her 'God bless you', and praying for her as well. We later started founding two other kids, Somalia, and Lee Heang. Through this, we are now caring for three people in the world that needed help for their family to survive through a believing company. We also try to make sure we are setting a good stereotype as Christians, are taking care of the people around us, and that we make use of the love and blessings God has given us. For example, once my family found a credit card on the street when we were visiting Korea. We put the card in the police station before going somewhere else to make sure the person would not have to suffer having their money potentially used away.

Lastly, like how loving God and others are tied together, this is also tied to showing faith and God in our life. Many of these things are connected, like the recording online service. Not only does it show my love for God, but it also spreads that love to others, and that helps neighbors know about him. Another example is sponsoring children in world vision. "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:9)" Our family was able to put things into practice, show actions, instead of just think. Some other things that show that we are a family that shows faith and God in our lives, is that we work towards our family's healthy relationship. We eat dinner together every night, and talk together to work out arguments or disagreements even if it is a day after that we would start talking about it. Though we our family may fight and have times where we want to ignore each other, we do try to be better, and make the situation for both sides better by either apologizing, or talking it out. I believe God wishes for us to at least try to maintain a good relationship with our parents, and to respect and honor them. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." (Ephesians 6:1-4) As long as we try our best, God will be happy about that.

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

This bible verse is exactly how I aspire to be, and how I wish and pray for my family to be. Loving others as ourselves, and also loving God is very important, as even in the bible it is written as both equally important commandments. Faith and God is shown in my family’s life through loving my neighbor as myself, and loving God.