

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.  
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SERMON OUTLINE 12/13/09

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Luke 14:25-33](#)

TITLE: “THE COST OF A GODLY FAMILY/FAMILY CHRISTMAS TESTIMONY”

INTRO:

1. It may seem odd to some to begin a family message with *verse 26*... “hate his father and mother...”
2. Count the \_\_\_\_\_... consider what it takes to do the whole job.
3. It’s easy to look at other families and \_\_\_\_\_ them successful and problem-free.
4. At the center of a God-honoring family is a total, lifetime commitment to live life \_\_\_\_\_ according to God’s will.
5. Commitment is a powerful tool for family transformation. Does your family need some transformation?

PROPOSITION: Consider four aspects of godly commitment that will bring biblical success to your family.

I. BE COMMITTED TO LEAD YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IN CONSECRATION TO CHRIST.

A. Do You Know The Way?

1. All have \_\_\_\_\_, [Romans 3:10-23](#); [Hebrews 9:27, 28](#).
2. God loves each one, [John 3:16](#).
3. Christ died for each one, [Romans 6:23](#); [5:6](#).
4. Each must repent and receive Christ for entrance to heaven, [Romans 10:9, 10](#).
5. Life in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, [Ephesians 2:10-13](#).

B. Do You Show The Way?

1. Example: holy life or hypocrite, [Ephesians 4:1](#).
2. Diligence to teach, [Ephesians 6:4](#).
3. Boldness to proclaim, [Romans 1:16](#).
4. Conviction to pray...
5. Do not love anything or anyone \_\_\_\_\_ than God, [Matthew 10:37](#).

II. BE COMMITTED TO CALCULATE THE COST FOR FAMILY SUCCESS, [Luke 4:27-30](#).

A. Some Hardship In Earthly Life Is Reality.

1. Hardship doesn't have to \_\_\_\_\_ in discouragement.
2. Paul considered it a privilege to suffer for Christ, [II Timothy 1:8, 9](#); cf. [II Corinthians 6:1-10](#).
3. How does this apply to the family?

B. Can I Be The \_\_\_\_\_ God Wants Me To Be, [Matthew 23:1-2](#).

C. Can I Finish The Course/Remain \_\_\_\_\_ To Christ?

III. BE COMMITTED TO FINISH GOD'S COURSE FOR THE FAMILY, [Luke 14:31-33](#).

A. Wanted: Finishers In A World Of Quitters.

1. Are you for real spiritually? The extended family and world is watching...
2. Will you do what it \_\_\_\_\_ for the family's good? [I Timothy 5:8](#).

B. Enduring To The End Is An Evidence Of Real Faith.

1. [I John 2:18, 19](#).
2. [I Corinthians 13:1-7](#).

IV. BE COMMITTED TO PAY THE PRICE OF A GODLY FAMILY.

A. Love: Emotional Reaction Or Choice Of Action.

1. Attraction...
2. Infatuation...
3. Commitment...

B. Living The "Life" May Be Hardest At Home.

1. Familiarity can breed contempt.
2. Commitment is not academic only...
3. Appreciate \_\_\_\_\_ member of your family.
4. Press on when you \_\_\_\_\_ like pulling back.

CONCLUSION:

1. Analyze what you have heard.
2. Apply these aspects of godly commitment to the life of your family!