

Desperate Households – Part 1 of 4
“Kid-Centric or Spouse-Centric?”

The Bible Says that the *Formula for Marital Oneness* is:

LEAVE + CLEAVE = ONE FLESH
(Genesis 2:24)

One the greatest barriers to marital ‘oneness’ is:
(believe it or not) - **OUR CHILDREN**

A Great Question:

Are you...KID-CENTRIC or SPOUSE-CENTRIC?

GOD SAYS...

“Life is short, and you love your wife, so enjoy being with her. This is what you are supposed to do as you struggle through life on this earth.”
Eccles. 9:9 (CEV)

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Gen. 2:24

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again.”
Deut. 6:4-7 (NLT)

Don’t allow your world...your relationships...your schedule...
your everything....and, especially your marriage...to revolve
around your kids!!

Only God gets the ‘center-square’!!

‘SPOUSE-CENTRIC’ FAMILIES...

- Give focused ATTENTION to Mom and Dad

- Give strategic thought to BED-TIME.

- Give priority to a regularly scheduled DATE

- Give thought to intentionally limiting ACTIVITIES

- Give time for shared SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”
Matthew 6:33

Ask yourself: Are you a Matthew 6:33 family?

- *As your heart focuses on God, do you have your relational priorities right?*
- *Are you modeling God’s principles and leading your kid’s toward His way or this world’s?*
- *Are you giving your kids the security of knowing that their mom and dad love God (and each other), even more than they love them!?*