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Scott's Thoughts



“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down,

and when you rise.” (Deuteronomy 6:6–7, ESV)

I have been watching a TV show about a family that functions mostly in a good way. They have their challenges and not one character is without flaws. They are a hardworking family with each member having their own niche. They appear to be a conservative family with definite values. One of the things I really enjoy is their concept that family comes first and in most episodes the family sits down to the table and has supper together.

It reminds me of my family growing up. Mornings at our house were staggered because we all had to leave at different times so we ate breakfast on most days with one or two of us at a time. (That was good because with only one bathroom and eight people we had to work it in shifts.) But on Sunday mornings we all sat down together and enjoyed a great breakfast. Lunch was often on our own but for supper we all sat at the same table and if anyone came by at supper time they were welcome! We just pulled up another chair and “put a little more water in the soup” as the saying goes. Ava’s family was much the same as mine as were most families of our generation. We raised our family the same way. Those were good times!

Ava still serves most of our meals at the table. From time to time, if it is just Ava and me, we

will sit in our recliners for a real late supper but mostly we sit at the table together. The time spent there is time for us to talk. I can remember growing up everyone had a chance to contribute to the conversation. The topics discussed covered a wide range because the ages of the children varied by about fifteen years, but still, everyone had a voice.

Something many families are missing today is sharing a meal together. Most everyone in the family has their own schedule and it is hard to get them all to the table at the same time. Even if they are together, many of them are not talking to each other unless they just happen to be texting the same person. They are looking at the screen in one hand and eating with the other.

In this TV show, I have noticed there is one thing missing - GOD. There has never been a mention of God in any of the episodes that I have watched. There have been three weddings portrayed. The joy of a wedding has been portrayed but even in the ceremonies there was not a single mention of God, there were no prayers. Even the phrase “God bless you” was missing. The show portrays Sunday as just a weekend day nothing more or less. It’s just another day off.

The problems encountered by the characters are solved by and among themselves. The morality portrays accurately our modern morality which is, “I’m not hurting anyone so it’s ok.” There is no right or wrong?

Is there no right or wrong? Read Exodus 20:1-17 to get God’s view.

Thanks for listening and keep on shining

—Scott