

CHAPTER 10

Family Vision Builder™

Designing the Future of Your Family

Strong families are not built by accident. Every family develops an identity, embraces certain values, establishes patterns of behavior, and creates a culture that influences future generations. The question is not whether your family will have a culture—it is whether that culture will intentionally reflect God's purpose.

Throughout Scripture, God worked through families to accomplish His purposes. From Abraham to Joshua, parents were instructed to teach God's commandments diligently to their children and to build households that honored Him (Deuteronomy 6:6–9; Joshua 24:15). A family's greatest inheritance is not wealth or possessions but a legacy of faithfulness to God.

Your Marriage Purpose Statement™ established why God brought your marriage together. Your Family Vision now describes the kind of home you desire to build as you faithfully pursue that purpose. It becomes the guiding picture for the atmosphere you create, the values you model, the decisions you make, and the legacy you hope to leave.

As you complete this section, remember that your family vision should grow naturally from your marriage purpose, your shared vision, and your marriage mission. Everything should work together to reflect God's design.

Step 1 — Family Identity Statement™

Every healthy family should be able to answer one important question:

Who are we?

Your Family Identity Statement™ describes the unique character of your family and the qualities for which you want to be known.

Complete the following sentence:

We are a family that...

Our Family Identity Statement™

Rewrite your completed statement below.

Step 2 — Family Values

Values influence every decision a family makes.

Review the Comprehensive Values Inventory found in **Appendix B**.

Select the **ten values** that best represent the kind of family you desire to build.

1.

2.

3.

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5.

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10.

Now prayerfully narrow your list to your **five core family values**.

Our Family Core Values

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Reflection

How will we intentionally model these values within our home?

Step 3 — Family Culture

Culture is created through consistent behaviors, traditions, expectations, and priorities.

Discuss the following questions together.

What atmosphere do we want people to experience when they enter our home?

What habits do we want to become normal within our family?

What traditions do we want future generations to remember?

How will we encourage spiritual growth within our home?

How will we resolve conflict in a Christ-honoring way?

How will we demonstrate love, grace, and forgiveness?

Step 4 — Building Your Family Vision Statement™

Review:

- Marriage Purpose Statement™
- Shared Vision Statement™
- Marriage Mission Statement™
- Family Identity Statement™
- Family Values
- Family Culture

Now answer the following question:

What kind of family do we believe God is calling us to build?

Our Family Vision Statement™

Summarize your vision in one clear statement.

Family Vision Alignment Review

Does our Family Vision support our Marriage Purpose Statement™?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Needs Revision

Does our Family Vision reflect our Core Family Values™?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Needs Revision

Will this vision guide the decisions we make as parents and leaders of our home?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Needs Revision

Are we committed to intentionally building this family together?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Needs Revision

Our Family Motto (Optional)

Create a short phrase or Scripture that captures the heart of your family.

Prayer for Our Family

Heavenly Father, thank You for entrusting us with the privilege of building a family that reflects Your love and truth. Help us create a home where Christ is honored, Your Word is treasured, and every family member is encouraged to grow in faith and purpose. May our values shape our decisions, our culture reflect Your character, and our vision guide future generations. Let our family become a testimony of Your goodness and a light that points others to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.