

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 51

The Year of Harvest – Year end Reflections – Family

The wicked die and disappear, but the family of the godly stands firm.

Proverbs 12:7 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Our third theme for this year on the theme of harvest was the family. This verse in proverbs 12 is simple but very powerful. The promise is simply that the family of the godly will stand firm. You may ask, how can that be? I try to live for the Lord, yet my family has been torn apart by drugs, or immorality, or other sins, or my children have turned away from the Lord. The first thing for us to understand is that the family is God's idea. He is the One who in the beginning instituted the family. He is the One who gave Eve to Adam and commanded them to multiply and fill the earth – with families. The history of Israel is a history of families. If you don't understand that, just read through the historical books of the Bible and see how God calls out families. The other truth of the Scripture is that it is real. The Bible does not gloss over the issues of life. David for example. He is a man who fell into sin, who paid the price for that, and who had a plentitude of family issues including his own son rebelling against him. Yet God called David a man after His own heart and promised that a member of David's family would sit on the throne of Israel. Jesus is a part of that family and will be the fulfillment of that promise. God looked beyond even David and saw in His own way that the family of the godly will stand firm. What are you facing today with your family? Go to God and remind Him of His promise and pray for the reaping of the fruit of that promise in your family.

Day 1: Worship the Lord today for the way He used an imperfect family to bring salvation into the world.

Day 2: Confess to the Lord the ways in which you have not been godly in the way you lead your family.

Day 3: Spend time today praying for your family. Not just you and yours, but your extended family.

Day 4: Take time to pray as a family, ask the Lord to help you to live godly and reap the fruit of this promise.

Day 5: Pray for other believing families in your city. Families are under attack in our days. Pray.

Day 6: Pray for the leadership of the other churches in your city to be committed to training families.

Day 7: Pray for missionaries who face unique challenges in raising their families in other countries.