

1 Chronicles: Decisions that Determine Family History

1. God wants to use you to change your family legacy.

1 Chronicles 1:28 – *The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.*

Let your loved ones see and hear you doing the following:

- i. Reading God's Word
- ii. Talking to God
- iii. Serving Jesus Christ
- iv. Supporting His Church
- v. Practicing Biblical Stewardship
- vi. Forgiving Other People
- vii. Having Gospel Conversations

2. God's Word reveals real stories of real people in real places.

1 Chronicles 2:1-4 – *These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. The sons of Judah: Er, Onan and Shelah; these three Bath-shua the Canaanite bore to him. Now Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the sight of the Lord, and he put him to death. His daughter-in-law Tamar also bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all.*

What's foundational in Bible study?

- i. Accurate Translation
- ii. Quality Time
- iii. Teachable Spirit
- iv. Study Aids
- v. Biblical Goals

3. God moves when His people know how to pray His way.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 – *Jabez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!" And God granted what he asked.*

Why did God answer Jabez's prayer?

- i. He lifted his voice to God
- ii. He knew God was the source of blessings
- iii. He confessed the power of God
- iv. He asked God for protection
- v. He experienced God's divine favor

4. God desires for you to show relational loyalty to other people.

1 Chronicles 11:15-19 – *Three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David at the cave of Adullam, when the army of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Bethlehem. And David said longingly, “Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!” Then the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate and took it and brought it to David. But David would not drink it. He poured it out to the Lord and said, “Far be it from me before my God that I should do this. Shall I drink the lifeblood of these men? For at the risk of their lives they brought it.” Therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.*

Questions to answer in the Christian life...

- i. Who knows your weaknesses in life and ministry?
- ii. Who are you serving and meeting their needs?
- iii. What are you willing to sacrifice to help another person?
- iv. Who would you call when life comes apart?
- v. Who has your back in Christian ministry?

5. God calls His people to be expressive and generous in their worship.

1 Chronicles 15:25-29 – *So David and the elders of Israel and the commanders of thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the house of Obed-edom with rejoicing. And because God helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as also were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers and Chenaniah the leader of the music of the singers. And David wore a linen ephod. So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres. And as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David dancing and celebrating, and she despised him in her heart.*

1 Chronicles 21:24 – *But King David said to Ornan, “No, but I will buy them for the full price. I will not take for the Lord what is yours, nor offer burnt offerings that cost me nothing.”*

1 Chronicles 29:13 – *And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.*

What’s appropriate in worship?

- i. Instruments
- ii. Expression
- iii. Generosity
- iv. People
- v. Praise