

Dependence Day: A New Way to View Your Family

I. We need to be dependent on God.

- John 17:20-24
- John 15:1-5

II. We need to be dependent on His Word.

- It Connects Us to God
 - John 1:1-4
 - John 20:31
- It Purifies Us - Psalm 119:9
- It Guides Us - Psalm 119:105
- It Corrects Us - II Timothy 3:16-17

III. We need to be dependent on other Christians

- The time would lose us to discuss all the “One Anothers” in the Bible. I encourage your family to do a word search on the “one another” passages and really discuss all the verses in the New Testament that describe how we should be “one anothering” each other. You’ll easily discover all the things your family members should be doing with each other and other members of the Body of Christ, but you’ll also learn how very badly you need other Christians ministering in your lives.
- John 17:20-24
- I Corinthians 12:12-13

IV. We need to be dependent on our family members.

- From the standpoint of the One Anothers, it’s clear that born again believers within your family are dependent on each other. In the same way I should be sharpening my son and helping him become the man God wants him to be, my born again son should be one-anothering me and helping me to become the man God’s wants me to be.
- But even if people in your family are unsaved, God has created a multi-dependent community and every passage that discusses family relationships is layering yet another level of dependency. I’m thinking specifically of all the scriptural admonitions to children to learn from their parents

Please understand that I’m not preaching some flawed version of codependence.

And it’s true that independence from sin, evil, wickedness, and dictatorial regimes is to be celebrated. But there are far more Christ-honoring forms of dependence we should be celebrating in our families.