

**MY CRAZY FAMILY**  
**THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE ON**  
**FAMILY**

Genesis 1:26 - 28



When I am acting, believing, or thinking contrary to Scripture, I am said “*to be in the doghouse.*”

# 1. MY CRAZY FAMILY IS THE CROWN OF GOD'S CREATION.

## A. Satan's 1<sup>st</sup> attack was on the family:

1. The first God/man relationship. Man/woman hid from God in fear. Gen 3:8.
2. The first husband/wife relationship. Gen 3:12.
3. The first sin separation -- Adam and Eve are **thrown out of Garden**. Gen 3:23.
4. Satan is still attacking the family today. Rev 12:17 VIDEO #1.

# 1. MY CRAZY FAMILY IS THE CROWN OF GOD'S CREATION (CONT).

## B. Only humanity is God-made in his image and likeness.

1. Gen 1:27; in our **image** and **likeness**; Seth of Adam's likeness - connection. Gen 5:3
  - Not looks - God is Spirit. John 4:24, Ex 33:20
  - Reason, intelligence, free-will; value (Gen 9:6)
2. No one is a "lesser"; sin puts the "lesser" in the "doghouse"

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- All other creative acts – “... “Let there be...
  - With mankind – “let us make mankind...” 1:26.
- And God said, “**It was very good**” only after creation of man. 1:31. God rested after he created humanity.
- *Since family is so important to God, how could God not give you the help you need to restart your family?*

- Video – men.women.different.
- Is there an area in your life where satan is destroying your relationship with your mate?
- Are you blaming God (or your mate) for choices that you have made?
- How can you take the first step to get you or your mate out of the “doghouse”?

## 2. IS MY CRAZY FAMILY FOLLOWING THE DIVINE MODEL FOR THE FAMILY?.

Independent vs dependent vs interdependent:

1. Independent – relies on no one but self. (Two living together sharing costs.)
2. Dependent - one person depends upon another for everything. (One person does everything.)
3. Interdependent - mutual reliance and dependence between two or more people on each other. (Two people giving and receiving from each other.)

# CONSIDER “INTERDEPENDENT” EQUALS AS THE BIBLICAL MODEL.

1. 1:27 - No “**less than**” words. Equal value.
2. Takes “**them**” to **complete** the divine image.
3. Takes “**them**” to **fulfill divine purpose**. 1:26, 28.
4. **Two different** people – male/female; gifts, talents, etc.
5. Not the “**same**”; otherwise, one is not needed.  
Brian Holdsworth video.



# INTERDEPENDENCE IS THE KEY TO PROPERLY UNDERSTANDING ROLES IN MARRIAGE.

- Two interdependent equals:
  - Role of the husband.
  - Role of the wife.
- Without interdependence –
  - Nanny, maid, communication is “less than”
  - Controlling, critical, nagging.

### 3. THE DIVINE INTENTION FOR MY CRAZY FAMILY IS “ONENESS.”

Gen. 2:24-25 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and **they shall become one flesh.**

- Parent/child dependence is replaced with husband/wife oneness – two equals becoming one.

#### 4. THE “ONENESS” INTENDED FOR MY CRAZY FAMILY WAS ALREADY PRESENT BETWEEN THE FATHER AND THE SON.

- Jn. 17:11, 21-22 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, **that they may be one, even as we are one.**  
... <sup>21</sup> that they **may all be one**, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>  
The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that **they may be one even as we are one...**

- The oneness present between Jesus Christ and his church is the same oneness God intends for my crazy family.
  - Eph. 5:31-32 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

## NEXT STEPS

1. Identify areas in your crazy family where you and your mate are not at “one” with one another. Areas where she is going one way and you are going the other.
  1. Pray about what God would have you do to bring oneness back into your marriage.
  2. Talk with your mate honestly about those areas. Pray with them and seek God’s help.