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Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.

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Bible Comparison between Family and Work/Career

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Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

- **Severance**
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- **Family brings heavenly promises – Work brings earthly benefits.**

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If you work hard at what you do, great abundance will come to you. But merely talking about getting rich while living to only pursue your pleasures brings you face-to-face with poverty.

- **Family is the essence of Heaven – Work is the effort of serving God and others in heaven.**

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And every curse will be broken and no longer exist, for the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there in the city. His loving servants will serve him...

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And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"

How to build a God-honoring family:

1 Begin with a commitment to God's covenants and vows.

Malachi 2: 10-14 (NLT)

Are we not all children of the same Father? Are we not all created by the same God? Then why do we betray each other, violating the covenant of our ancestors? Judah has been unfaithful, and a detestable thing has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem. The men of Judah have defiled the LORD's beloved sanctuary by marrying women who worship idols. May the LORD cut off from the nation of Israel every last man who has done this and yet brings an offering to the LORD of Heaven's Armies. Here is another thing you do. You cover the LORD's altar with tears, weeping and groaning because he pays no attention to your offerings and doesn't accept them with pleasure. You cry out, "Why doesn't the LORD accept my worship?" I'll tell you why! Because the LORD witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner, the wife of your marriage vows.

- **Be faithful to my spouse.**

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...—share your love only with your wife. ... Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

- **Be honest with myself.**

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Honesty guides good people; dishonesty destroys treacherous people.

- **Be resolute in God's purposes.**

Colossians 1:16-17 (MSG)

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment.

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Raise godly children by guarding my integrity and loyalty.

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Stay committed and dependable to the end of my life.

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"For I hate divorce!" says the LORD, the God of Israel. "To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife."

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