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Family VALUES

When Will Smith slapped Chris Rock at the recent Academy Awards gala, in full view of a global audience including without a doubt, children, what message did that send out regarding family values? One may well say that Will was demonstrating that defending a family member is a value to be cherished, because Chris made a joke of his wife Jada's hair loss due to a medical condition, which hurt her feelings. That would, however,

be saying that violence can be condoned, that in some circumstances, you can mete out justice yourself. And if someone later makes some snide comments about their lifestyles, and Jaden beats that person to a pulp, would Will say to his son, "it's okay"?

With so many comments out there after the incident, some for, others against, and yes, Will did apologise to Chris the next day, it is



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Need To Talk To Someone? Whatsapp or Call TalkToUs at +6011 5788 4805 undeniable people would be confused over what is right, what is wrong, what is acceptable, what is not. As such, it is imperative for each family to establish what their family values are and their importance in the building of a strong, loving, andGod-fearing

While no two families will share exactly the same values, I imagine there must be some must-haves. Allow me to share 4 of them.

I grew up in a Christian family, and though we seldom if ever prayed as a family, there was no mistaking that my mother was a person who valued the power of prayer. Not only we saw her daily on her knees in prayer, she made it a point to tell us what she prayed for, in our behalf. Keith, my eldest son, says the sight of his grandma on her knees in prayer is forever etched in his memory. His grandma passed away in 1995 when Keith was 15 years old. It is our prayer that our children and their children would soon experience the joy of prayer in their own lives. I like to think that we have instilled in our sons the value of prayer in our family if the following incident shows anything. Recently Ivan brought his Malay-Muslim business partner back for dinner and he said to the man, "I hope you don't mind, but my parents always give thanks to God for the food before eating." Meanwhile, we will do as Paul tells us to do in 1 Thessalonians 5. Pray without

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all probability still has, our share of internal conflicts. What has kept conflicts getting out of hand and into irreversible situations is largely due to my wife Lynn's insistence the family meets together at least once a week for family time and bonding. Sure, one may say warring members can put on a façade at the get-togethers, but you can't hide things very long when everyone sits down after a meal to share. Emotions, though bottled up, will show eventually, and when that happens, the opportunity to mend appears. You may say, sure it is easy for you since your whole family is here in Selangor/ K Lumpur. But in 2012 when Keith was based in Shanghai for a year, and





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Ivan was based in Jakarta in 2018, we still met every Sunday over FaceTime. While the author of Hebrews 10 meant a church context, it is very true that unless we meet, there is no opportunity to share struggles and celebrate success. These are what binds the family members together.

Moral Values

In a world where what is wrong seems right, where lies when repeated often enough becomes truth, it is vital to inculcate what is moral and what is immoral to family members. And we need to look no further than the ten commandments for guidance. There are plenty of examples out there to help us bring the commandments to life. And there will be no one more upright than the person who does what Jesus said in response to the Pharisee who asked Him which is the greatest commandment in Matthew 22.

³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it. 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Social Behaviours

Have you ever cringe at some children's behaviour in supermarkets when they want something but denied? And there are many cringe-worthy behaviours among teenagers and adults as well. Case in point: how often do you see someone vacate their seat on a train for a senior citizen? Or worse, for a pregnant mother with 2 small kids in tow? Who should be blamed for this poor state of conduct? The malay phrase "kurang ajar" comes to mind. Indeed, their parents are to blame. No wonder when you scold someone "Kurang ajar" he or she gets really angry because you are insulting his or her parents, for not being fit to be parents because they don't know how to bring up their child.

What are acceptable behaviours or etiquette in Malaysia? And we know acceptable behaviours differ from culture to culture, for example, the Malays are offended when you point at them with an outstretched finger. If we want our family members to embrace good social behaviour, we need to find out what is acceptable and what is not. Why is it so important to practise good social behaviour especially in a multi-cultural society like ours? Good etiquette is one way we can remove social barriers and create a connection with people, some of whom need to hear the gospel



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Part 3: Praising God

- 1. Praise the Lord, "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty." (Exodus 34:6-7)
- 2. Praise God, whose might is like no other, and whose faithfulness surrounds Him. Praise Him that righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne, and that steadfast love and faithfulness go before Him (Psalm 89:8,14).
- 3. Praise God that with Him, nothing is impossible (Mark 10:27). "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You" (Jeremiah 32:17).





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Alpha 22 The next Alpha program will start from 14 July 2022 Every Thursday

8:00pm

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For more information, contact Lammy Tan at 012 386 8460



Daily Prayer Meeting Every Monday to Thursday 9:00pm Zoom ID: 929 735 694 Password: pray



Monthly Prayer Meeting 30 April 2022 (Saturday) 2:00pm to 3:30pm Venue: Transit Hall



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More Information on Upcoming Events