

Walking on Water

Matthew 14:22-33

"Godliness consists in an exact harmony between holy principles and practices."

"Godliness is the sacred impression and workmanship of God in a man, whereby from being carnal he is made spiritual."

I. Jesus commands (22-24)

1. Direction- Takes the lead in the relationship. Knows where he is headed and where he wants the family to go. Has a plan. The plan is for the benefit of those under him not selfishly motivated. Is guiding those under his care toward set goals informed by scripture.

2. Doctrine- Is teaching his family scripture truth. Makes sure they are encountering scripture regularly personally, collectively in the home, and in a local church context. References life through scripture in conversations. Discusses scripture. Seeks to implement scripture. Encourages reading of good books...but never at expense of extended time in the book of books.

3. Discipline- He trains children and disciplines them with mom...does not leave this to mom. Involved in character training of children. Corrects consistently with grace and firmness. Teaches God's law to his children. Teaches & models living in the fear of God.

4. Provision- Provides materially for the family. Commitment to hard work. Makes money for others benefit not for selfish gain. An example of generosity & sacrifice before wife & children. Avoids unnecessary debt.

5. Protection- Seeks to protect family from wrong influences, false teaching, harmful relationships & physical danger. If something exists in the home that threatens the spiritual well being of the family, he removes the threat. Wife and children will feel protected even if decisions are not always popular. Foresees danger before it appears and avoids it.

- I. Jesus commands (22-24)**
- II. Jesus reveals (25-27)**
 - A. Jesus Reveals His Power**
 - B. Jesus Reveals His Goodness**
- III. Jesus Teaches (28-31)**
 - A. Faith begins with the Word**
 - B. Faith is an undivided mind**
 - C. Faith is a Cry**

- IV. Jesus Calmed the Storm (32)**
- V. Jesus is Worshipped (33)**

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