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Is your family all that it could be?

Many feel bombarded by images and experiences of broken families, but this is not how God intended families to be!

So often we examine the traits of unhealthy families, but Gary Chapman paints a biblical portrait of what a loving, stable family looks like. He details five timeless characteristics that create a healthy family environment:

A heart for service

Husbands and wives who relate intimately

Parents who guide their children

Children who obey and honor their parents

Husbands who love and lead

In Dr. Chapman's own words, "What happens to your family does make a difference not only to you and your children, but to the thousands of young observers who are in search of a functional family."

This book is not merely for reading, but for living. Experience God's design for family.

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Brenda says

This book was difficult to listen to while traveling or doing a chore because there was a big volume of information given to the reader in a short period of time. Most of the time when I was listening to it, I physically could not take written notes because of movement. Physical notes might have helped me to digest the information more thoroughly. One major theme of this book was; "the only person you have total control over is yourself." The author did a great job of bringing this theme home. He also reminded us that God is to guide us everyday. When I have time, I plan to read more of this author's work.

Valerie says

It was alright. Like most relationship/self-help books, it is mostly fluff intermingled with some pretty good pearls.

Melissa says

Just a reiteration of his other books, a bit disappointing. Skip this and read the Love Languages books.

Mandy J. Hoffman says

MY REVIEW:

The Family You've Always Wanted seems to promise you that it's possible to have just that in only 5 steps. But it doesn't take too many pages to realize that if you desire God's will in your family life, it's going to take more than this book. The first section is about serving but it's presented in a way that the more you serve the other people in your life the better they will respond to you. I couldn't even finish this book because it takes a secular perspective with a does of scripture to try and make it biblically based. It's a book that I highly recommend you do NOT read.

Beth says

Never a bad thing to improve upon my parenting skills.....

Micah Grant says

Based on his 35 years as a therapist and his own experiences, the author provides poignant examples of what a

functional family looks like. He teaches about the traits and actions of how parents should treat their children and spouses treat each other. But then takes it a couple of steps further by providing surveys to assess where you are at, and exercises for improving the areas that could be better.

Christina says

Dr. Chapman offers practical advice for strengthening relationships and maintaining intimacy within the family. In today's world, we've lost touch with what a healthy, connected family truly is. Dr. Chapman stresses the importance of such things as making good communication between family members a priority, nurturing and loving each other unconditionally, and family dinners (less about food, more about quality time spent together). If you are a parent, if you are a spouse, you'll find helpful ideas that apply to you and your current state of "family". Dr. Chapman includes a more personal look into the early days of his own family, which I enjoyed reading. I've highlighted many sections to re-read and also look forward to completing the assessment portion at the end of the book.

Donna says

I'm a fan of this author's Love Languages books. There was a lot of info from those books included in this one as well. This book covered marriage: getting along, working things out, and putting your partner first. When this moved to children and family life, it made more sense. Gary Chapman sounds like a kind person. He shares his joy for family and faith. I like his positive messages. Even though I've read this in this other books, a solid reminder is always helpful.
