

# A closer look at your home

When we look into the mirror of God's law, each one of us feels guilty. When we hear the gospel, we are assured that all our sins have been taken away—including the times when we are inadequate spiritual leaders in our homes. Out of gratitude to God for all his good gifts, but especially the gift of his forgiveness, we look for ways to serve in obedience to God. Use the following evaluation to identify those areas of devotional life in your home that could use special attention.

Answer "YES" or "NO"

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Do the members of your family know where a Bible is located in your home?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Do the members of your family apologize and forgive when wrongs are committed against one another?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Are current social issues discussed among family members in the light of Bible principles?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Do you encourage one another to develop and use God-given gifts in service to God and his people?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Is it common practice in your home to pray before and after meals and/or at bedtime and rising?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Do the members of your family comfort one another with God's promises in times of grief or crisis?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Do the members of your family pray together in times of grief or crisis?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Does your family have a planned or scheduled time to study God's Word together and worship together in your own home?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Do you encourage each other with God's Word and family prayer when a difficult decision needs to be made?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Do (or did) you read Bible stories to young children in your home?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Is there one person who takes the leadership role in spiritual matters?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Do you celebrate the joys of life (birthdays, baptisms, Christmas, wedding anniversaries, etc.) with expressions of thanksgiving and glory to God?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Is your family generally focused on God's blessings and not on the gifts that others have been given?