Friends and Family Day 2012
Ephesians 5:22-23; 6:1-20

I. Friends
   A. The Friend: The word "friend" is used some 115 times in the Bible.
      1. Job's Friends (Job 2:11-15)
      2. They came to be at their friend's side, but weren't helpful.
   B. Worldly Friend: No benefit for reaching our goal of obtaining heaven.
      1. Adam and Eve (Genesis 3) Listen to the serpent over God.
      3. Jesus and Judas (Matthew 26) Desired silver more than heaven.
   C. Christian Friend: Those who try to assist you in your journey to heaven.
      1. Checklist:
         A. Righteous (Proverbs 12:26) Not perfect
         B. Good company, not evil (1 Corinthians 15:33)
         C. Not worldly (James 4:4)
         D. Not concerned with your possessions. (Proverbs 14:20)
         E. Not a gossip (Proverbs 16:28)
         F. A comfort during adversity (Proverbs 17:17)
         G. By your side during good and bad. (Proverbs 18:24)

II. Family
   A. The Home
      1. The perfect home: (Colossians 3:18-21)
      2. We all have a role to serve in the family.
   B. Worldly Home: The kind of home we see on TV, in the movies, in magazines.
      1. Sin destroys the perfect home. (Colossians 3:5-11)
      2. Do I bring any of these members into my home?
   C. Christian Home: How can we become more like the family in the Bible?
      1. Start by changing me, the only person I can control! (Colossians 3:8)
      2. Refill my life with the qualities of Christ. (Colossians 3:12-17)
      3. What changed? Christ MUST be in our homes! (John 16:33, Romans 12:21)