

## The Family is the Central Model for the Kingdom of Heaven

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When a person stands in a spatial context, there will always be a higher and a lower, a right and a left, and a forward and a back. This is how position is determined. You may appear in a variety of different forms, depending on whether you have properly set your higher and lower, left and right, and front and back.

The same formula applies whether you are dealing with relationships of higher and lower, left and right, or front and back, or with the issues of family, country or the world.

In the same way that there is higher and lower, left and right, and front and back with the individual at the center, the family also will have parents and children, husband and wife, and brothers and sisters.

The same applies within a nation. With the leader of the nation at the center, all families embrace the civilizations of east and west and of north and south, and then embrace all the people of the world as their brothers and sisters. This will bring about a family model.

The model is the same for all. Each of you stands at the center of the model. This model represents a reasoning that says that from you should come your family, which then expands to the nation, world, heaven and earth, and finally to God. You do not merely have the desire to be the center of the universe;

everyone has the potential to fulfill that desire. In this way, the concept of the family can be compared to the core of the universe. If we think of heaven as the parents, then earth represents the children. When considering east and west, east symbolizes the man and west the woman. So when a woman marries, she goes to wherever her husband is located. This can be compared to the way the west comes to have the same value as the east when it reflects the light from the sun.

The same is true with sibling relationships. When the oldest brother leads a task, the younger siblings start to help. Thus people need to be in a parent-child relationship, a conjugal relationship and a sibling relationship. In other words, these three relationships must meet at one point. There must be just one central point. There cannot be different central points for higher and lower, left and right, and front and back.

If the central points are different, the relationships of higher and lower, left and right, and front and back will be off balance. So higher and lower, left and right, and front and back, and the common central point add up to the number seven. To form the number seven in this means to be family that is one in perfect true love with God at the center, and where all these elements form a complete spherical shape bringing harmony and unity. From this perspective, it makes sense that we often use the phrase "lucky seven."

As long as true love never changes, this central core will rotate forever without changing, and the true family ideal will be realized. Also, because everything is connected to the core, each position starting with the core -- one, two, three, four, five, six and seven -- will possess equal value. If the grandfather wants something, the grandchild will not be against it, and the son and daughter will want it as well. Three generations will share a desire for the same thing. The grandfather and grandmother, husband and wife, and sons and daughters will all align with the center.

In terms of such love, we say that parents and children are one in their relationship and are of one body, that husbands and wives are one in their relationship and are of one body, and that siblings are one in their relationships and are of one body. They are one body. In what terms can we say that these relationships make us one body? It is in the terms of the true love of God, the center of love. With true love at the center, parents and children become one, husband and wife become one, and brothers and sisters all become one. In this way, all come to have equal value.