

**FAMILY DEVOTION
FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2017**

People reveal by their priorities what is genuinely important in their lives. Take time to make a list of activities your family participates in each week. After gathering input from all family members place the priorities in order from the most important to the least. Talk with your family about the list and ask how spiritual priorities rate among other priorities. For example, how does church attendance rate in importance? Or having a family devotion? How about personal Bible reading time? Consider how much priority is placed on time spent in prayer. Ask your family if giving to the Lord in tithes, offerings, and service is just as much a priority as keeping the light bill payed so that you will not be in the dark, for example?

Make a list of all of the Epistles Paul wrote and read the introduction of each book. Pay special attention to the priority he places on prayer for others and having a heart of thanksgiving.

Discuss as a family what the term “the will of God” means. For assistance in discovering what the Bible has to say about this go to the concordance in the back of your Bible and look up verses or passages that give instruction on knowing and doing the will of God.