

# The Power of a Family Vision

(STUDY GUIDE)

With Greg Gunn

[www.familyid777.com](http://www.familyid777.com)

## I. Goals: Why? Or How?

### A. If your why is BIG enough, you will figure out HOW!

1. If you write a goal one time, even forget that you wrote it, you will achieve significantly more than those who haven't written their goals.
2. Writing a goal, putting it where others can see it, and asking others to hold you accountable will significantly improve your chances of accomplishing that goal. (*Based upon written goals study by the Dominican University of California.*)

### B. Write your vision.

“Then the Lord answered me, write the vision. Make it clear on tablets so that anyone can read it quickly. Put it in writing, because it is not yet time for it to come true. But the time is coming quickly, and what I show you will come true. It may seem slow in coming, but wait for it; it will certainly take place, and it will not be delayed.” (Habakkuk 2:2–3)

If your vision is from God, there is a 100% chance it will come to pass.

### C. Your purpose: To build, enhance, and develop your relationship skills with:

1. God
2. Family
3. Others

### D. What vision does:

1. Vision creates passion.
2. Passion creates self-discipline.
3. Discipline creates total commitment.

4. Total commitment can change the world.

E. Your family vision is like a:

1. Compass.
2. Rudder.
3. Telescope.

## II. Bringing Up the Family

A. What are the factors that will influence how your children turn out?

1. 1/3 parenting.
2. 1/3 personality.
3. 1/3 peer group.

B. What percent do we take as parents when our children don't turn out well?  
100%!

1. But parents don't have 100% of the influence.
2. Parents can't take 100% of the blame.

C. What can we do to raise parenting impact? What can we do to lower peer impact? **Becoming an interdependent family is the next step in building a strong and healthy family identity.**

## III. The Interdependent Family

A. Interdependence versus independence:

1. Interdependent families look INSIDE the family to meet their needs!
  - a. Dad needs honor and respect.
  - b. Mom needs love and security:
    - i. Spiritual security
    - ii. Emotional security
    - iii. Relational security

- iv. Financial security
- v. Physical security

c. Daughters need:

- i. Do you see me?
- ii. Am I beautiful?
- iii. Will you fight for me?

d. Sons need:

- i. Am I important to you?
- ii. Will you fight for me?
- iii. Do I have what it takes?

B. Independent families look OUTSIDE the family to have their needs met!

#### **IV. Needs of a Man: Honor and Respect**

A. Every man needs honor and respect. If he doesn't receive honor and respect from inside the family, he will search for them outside the family—typically at work. The family needs to honor and respect him in three powerful ways:

##### **1. As a provider:**

- a. "Thank you for working so hard for our family."
- b. "Thank you for laying down your life for us."

##### **2. As a problem solver:**

- a. "You are so good at everything you do."
- b. "You are a fantastic decision-maker. I trust you."

##### **3. As a leader:**

- a. "Thank you so much for initiating spiritual things in our family."
- b. Thank you for being a good example to our kids."

B. A man usually interprets your silence as rejection. So even if he currently isn't living up to your expectations, be an "over-the-top" verbalizer of love and commitment because of his potential, not his performance.

1. "I am so glad I married you."
2. "I am so glad God put us together."
3. "You're the best Dad in the world."
4. "We have the greatest family in the world."
5. "I am so attracted to you."
6. "I am so proud of you."

## V. Needs of a Woman: Love and Security

### A. Spiritual security:

1. The spiritual element of life is very important to her.
2. A woman is looking for her husband to become a spiritual leader.
3. A spiritual leader of a family is the person who initiates spiritual things.
4. Three things you can do to meet this need are:
  - a. Start a daily habit of praying out loud over each family member.
  - b. Lead the process of getting the family to church every week.
  - c. Lead the prayer before meals.

### B. Emotional security:

1. A woman needs to know she is being heard and that she is safe to display emotion without ridicule.
2. She needs to know the family is always willing to listen to her.
3. Some ways you can make her feel secure emotionally are:
  - a. Never embarrass her for feeling or acting emotionally.
  - b. Try not to immediately "fix" what she's communicating about—there isn't always a "problem to fix."

### C. Relational security:

1. A woman needs to know that integrity in your relationship is a top priority, including that "husband + wife" is a committed monogamous relationship.

2. Women need to know that they will be protected and watched over—inside and outside the family.
3. Some ways you can make her feel secure relationally are:
  - a. Assure her you will not be looking at other women in any manner or allowing other women to meet your needs.
  - b. Never interact with other women inappropriately in person, emails, texts, or any form of social media.
  - c. Communicate to her that she is the most important person in the world, and your relationship is the top priority.

**D. Financial security:**

1. Women don't need a specific amount of money, they just need to know two aspects of finances are taken care of to feel secure:
  - a. There is enough money to pay the bills.
  - b. There is a financial plan for the future.
2. Regardless of who is "writing the checks every month," it is vital to ensure the family is living within its means and that there is a plan to deal with finances. Some ways you can make her feel financially secure are:
  - a. Create a financial plan together and lead the family to stick to it.
  - b. Be transparent about how money is spent and saved, and why.

**E. Physical security:**

1. Women often think about physical security, both inside and outside the home. This security begins with her relationship at home.
2. Ways to make her feel physically secure are:
  - a. Never be aggressive with her, verbally or physically.
  - b. Install a quality security system in your home.
  - c. Create an action plan for emergencies and for when other people (cable, plumber, handyman, etc.) are going to be present in the house.

**VI. Laying a Foundation for the Future**

A. To lay a foundation for many generations, you MUST pass on:

1. Vision
2. Values
3. Village of advisors
4. Valuables

B. What are you doing today to lay the foundations for your family to impact future generations?

C. **Personal core values:**

Accountability	Goodness	Patriotism
Attitude	Grace	Peace
Authenticity	Gratefulness	Perseverance
Boldness	Growth	Personal Growth
Character	Honesty	Prayer
Collaboration	Honor	Purity
Compassion	Hope	Relationships
Confidence	Hospitality	Reliability
Courage	Humility	Respect
Creativity	Humor	Sacrifice
Dedication	Ingenuity	Self-discipline
Devotion	Integrity	Selflessness
Discipleship	Intimacy	Serving
Discipline	Innovation	Steadfastness
Diversity	Joy	Stewardship
Education	Justice	Submission
Efficiency	Kindness	Teachable
Encouragement	Leadership	Teamwork
Endurance	Learning	Thankfulness
Enthusiasm	Love	Transparency
Evangelism	Loyalty	Trustworthiness
Excellence	Mercy	Truth
Faith	Obedience	Unity
Faithfulness	Openness	Wisdom
Fellowship	Orderliness	Worship
Generosity	Patriotism	Zeal
Gentleness	Passion	Other
Godliness	Patience	