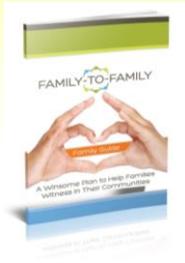





Family to Family
Because relationships need to be nurtured

Family to Family 



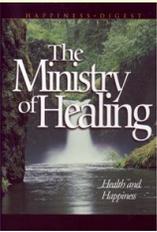
Family-to-Family is a one-year church plan to make the family the centre of all evangelistic work

Families Reaching Families 



“The mission of the home extends beyond its own members”
The Adventist Home, 31

The Power of the Home to Evangelize 



Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the influence of a true home upon human hearts and lives . . . wonderful possibilities are ours through a faithful use of the opportunities of our own homes.
E. G. White, The Ministry of Healing, 352, 355.

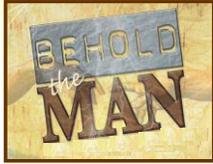
The Power of the Home to Evangelize 

The Christian home is, in fact, by far the most powerful evangelizing agency in the world. Its evangelism however is not aggressive; it is persuasive. It proclaims its message not by words, but by deeds. It does not tell others what they should be; it shows them what they could be.
David and Vera Mace, In the Presence of God, 113

The Power of the Home to Evangelize 

1 Corinthians 4:16 “Therefore I urge you, imitate me”
1 Thessalonians 1:6 “And you became followers of us and of the Lord . . .”
Hebrews 6:12 “. . . imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”
Hebrews 13:7 - “remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith”
3 John 1:11 “Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good.”

The Power of Influence



People tend to become like whom or what they watch

The Power of the Home to Evangelize



Family to Family modeling takes place when Christian families invite other families for meals, recreation together, or for family worship

The Power of the Home to Evangelize



	Entertaining	Hospitality
Priorities	Things	People
Motives	Self-centered: To impress To exhibit home and accomplishments	Other-centered: To give to others To enjoy mutual fellowship
Requirements	Beautiful home Fine decorating Gourmet cooking	People looking for fellowship Simple food
Focus	Make an impression	Minister to people's needs
Outcomes	Hosts praised House and furnishings admired	Guests uplifted and encouraged Friendships made

The Power of Influence

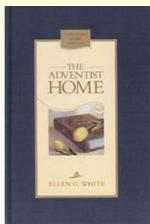


“Social influence is a wonderful power. We can use it if we will as a means of helping those about us”
E. G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, 354

“A Christian home should be, in fact, a center of contagious friendliness, with open doors toward all human need”

David Mace, *In the Presence of God*, 98

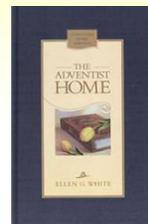
The Power of Influence



Parents, upon you rests the responsibility of being light-bearers and light-givers. Shine as lights in the home, brightening the path that your children must travel. As you do this, your light will shine to those without.

Ellen White
The Adventist Home, 38

The Power of Influence



The truth lived at home makes itself felt in disinterested labour abroad. He who lives Christianity in the home will be a bright and shining light everywhere.

Ellen White
The Adventist Home, 39-40

The Power of Influence



Children are the younger members of the Lord's family. . . They should be trained to help in various lines of unselfish service . . . By helping others they increase their own happiness and usefulness

Ellen White
The Adventist Home, 486-487

The Power of Influence



He desires them to be His little missionaries . . . By precept and example parents are to teach their children to labour for the unconverted . . . The children in their simplicity will repeat to their associates that which they have learned.

Ellen White
The Adventist Home, 488

The Power of Influence



Let ministers put to use all their ingenuity in devising plans whereby the younger members of the church may be led to co-operate with them in missionary work.

Ellen White
The Adventist Home, 488

Evangelizing Marriage Partners



For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. 1 Cor. 7:14

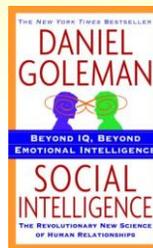
The Influence of Christian Marriage



By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:35

Created for Connection



. . . the latest findings in biology and brain science show that we are 'wired to connect' . . . we are designed for sociability.

Daniel Goleman,
Back Cover

Emotional & Social Intelligence

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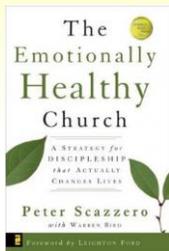
- Self-awareness
- Self-regulation
- Empathy
- Social skills

Social Intelligence



The ability to connect with others in a way that facilitates healthy relationships

Authentic Christianity



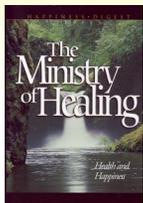
Our ability to impact our communities for Christ is in direct proportion to the level of our emotional health

What's below the surface?



How does our public ministry match up with our private devotion?

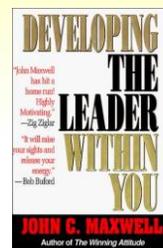
Jesus Method



Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled among men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, *follow me.*"

Ministry of Healing, 143

Jesus Method



People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

John Maxwell
Developing the Leader
With You, 7

The Power of Empathy



But whoever has this world's goods,
and sees his brother in need, and
shuts up his heart from him, how
does the love of God abide in him?

1 John 3:17

Authentic Christianity



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and social intelligence
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Authentic Christianity



Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish;
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merciful God, slow to anger and
abundant in lovingkindness, One who
relents from doing harm.

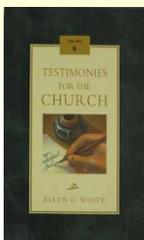
Jonah 4:2

Jesus Method



“The strongest
argument in favour of
the gospel is a loving
and loveable Christian.”
Counsels on Sabbath
School Work, 100

Authentic Christianity



“If we would humble ourselves
before God, and be kind and
courteous and tender-hearted
and pitiful, there would be one
hundred conversions to the
truth where now there is only
one.”

Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 9, 189

The Power of Empathy



Therefore, as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved, clothe
yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and
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Colossians 3:12

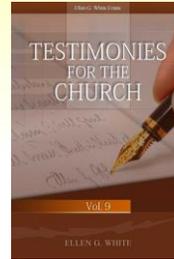
Family to Family: What is it?



- It is a project that strengthens Adventist families by involving them in witnessing for others.
- It highlights the importance of intercessory prayer.
- It is meant to become the lifestyle of every Adventist family
- It's aimed at making the family the center of evangelistic activities in our churches.
- Its chief objective is to meet the needs of the various age groups ranging from childhood to adulthood.

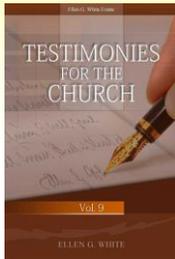


The Vision



"In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost." Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 126

The Vision



"... Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth.." Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 126

Its foundation



"The presentation of Christ in the family, by the fireside, and in small gatherings in private houses, is often more successful in winning souls to Jesus than are sermons delivered in the open air, to the moving throng, or even in halls or churches." Evangelism, p. 437.



Its foundation



"In the messages of the first and second angels, the work was done in this manner. Men and women were moved to search the Scriptures, and they called the attention of others to the truths revealed. It was personal labour for individuals and families that gave these messages their wonderful success." Evangelism, p. 435.



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Intercessory prayer continues!!!

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Preparation Friendship Integration

Integration

- All the church departments stay aligned, united and focused on the same goal:
 - Parent gatherings
 - Family Life Seminars
 - Premarital preparation
 - Teenager programmes
 - Singles Programmes
 - Women Programmes
- To this end they will plan purposeful events taking into account the age group of the family members
- All the events held throughout the year included in the calendar of the church



How it works?

January	March	May	July
February	April	June	

- ✓ Different activities in the local church
- ✓ Public evangelism
- ✓ Family Prayer Week

- ✓ Age group and social group specific activities
- ✓ Bible study groups

- ✓ Special Sundays for Families

- ✓ Using the special days of Easter to strengthen relationships
- ✓ Involving the new families in the same process

It is doable

1. All families in the church praying for at least one family
2. All families in the church revealing themselves to the target family and finding out any special prayer requests.
3. All families in the church visiting and handing out one leaflet per week
4. All families in the church inviting the target families to share a meal in their home, and also offering a missionary book and inviting them to attend a special Family Week study in the small groups
5. In the remaining months of the year, the departments of the church will work to meet the major needs of these families while the intercessory families offer Bible studies
6. Department leaders and small group leaders meet regularly to meet the needs of these families, to evaluate the project and to undertake any necessary changes.

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