

**Family Circles**  
Games Families Play – Part 4 of 4  
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**The Spectrum of Family Circles**

- **Disengaged:** little closeness, little loyalty, high independence
  
- **Separated:** low to moderate closeness, some loyalty, interdependent
  
- **Connected:** moderate to high closeness, high loyalty, interdependent
  
- **Enmeshed:** very high closeness, very high loyalty, high dependency

Galatians 6:1-5 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, <sup>5</sup> for each one should carry his own load. NIV84

## Principles for Relating Responsibly in Family Life

- If they're caught in sin, restore them (v.1)
- Love is carrying another's load when they can't (v.2)
- Choose humility as you carry it (v.3)
- Don't compare as you help (v.4)
- **The goal:** be responsible for yourself (v.5)

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. ESV

Proverbs 29:17 Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire. NIV

### My Next Step today is to...

- Give myself a test:
  - Am I helping for the right reasons or for what I am getting from it?
  - Should I help them right now?






# GAMES

## Families Play

### Family Circles

#### Sermon Reminders

##### Principles for Relating Responsibly in Family Life

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(Galatians 6:1)
-  Love is carrying another's load when they can't (Galatians 6:2)
-  Choose humility as you carry it  
(Galatians 6:3)
-  Don't compare as you help  
(Galatians 6:4)
-  The goal: be responsible for yourself  
(Galatians 6:5)

#### Family Challenge



At dinner, discuss the qualities of each person that are unique to them. How do those unique qualities help the family be a better team?

#### Family Fun



Have your kids invent a new game and play it together as a family