

Family Guardrails

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Titus 2:11-14

FAMILY GUARDRAIL: A PREDETERMINED PERSONAL OR FAMILY VALUE THAT BECOMES A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE.

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WHY HAVE FAMILY GUARDRAILS/VALUES?

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❸ *FLOW out of RELATIONSHIP with GOD. (Titus 2:11)*

❹ *DIRECT away & PROTECT from DANGER. (Titus 2:12)*

❺ *KEEP me HOLY for GOD. (Titus 2:13-14)*

REALife Application

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2. Read Titus 2:1-10. Do you see a prescribed code of Christian conduct here? What are some other passages of scripture that speak directly to the conduct of Christians? Compare these to some of your thoughts as you have read about Israel in the Old Testament.
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