

**RESPONSIBLE FOR MY FAMILY
PART 1: WHO'S MY FAMILY**

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"...as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10 (TNIV)

re•spon•si•bil•i•ty, *n*, the state or fact of being accountable or answerable for something within one's power or control.

REDEFINING THE FAMILY

"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't His mother's name Mary, and aren't His brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all His sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" Matthew 13:55-56 (NIV)

"... Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that He and His disciples were not even able to eat. When His family heard about this, they went to take charge of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind." Mark 3:20-21 (NIV)

"Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around Him, and they told Him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for You.' 'Who are My mother and My brothers?' He asked. Then He looked at those seated in a circle around Him and said, 'Here are My mother and My brothers! Whoever does God's will is My brother and sister and mother.'" Mark 3:31-35 (NIV)

- **A CHRISTIAN'S _____ ARE
THOSE WHO _____.**

"... .. Jesus traveled around Galilee. He wanted to stay out of Judea, where the Jewish leaders were plotting His death. But soon it was time for the Jewish Festival of Shelters, and Jesus' brothers said to Him, 'Leave here and go to Judea, where your followers can see your miracles! You can't become famous if you hide like this! If you can do such wonderful things, show yourself to the world!' For even His brothers didn't believe in Him. Jesus replied, 'Now is not the right time for Me to go, but you can go anytime. The world can't hate you, but it does hate Me because I accuse it of doing evil. You go on ...' After saying these things, Jesus remained in Galilee." John 7:1-9 (NLT)

DOING GOD'S WILL MEANS:

1. _____ **LIKE** _____.

"For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him ... should become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

Romans 8:29 (LB/NLT)

2. _____ **THE** _____.

"For it is My Father's will that all who see His Son and believe in Him should have eternal life – that I should raise them at the last day."

John 6:40 (NLT)

"... Jesus said ... "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." John 20:21 (NIV)