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The Hebrew writer states that the Christian Family should provide:

1. Caring Relationships
2. Continual Reassurance
3. Certain Responsibilities

A Relationship With God

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How Can I Develop This Relationship?

1. With a sincere heart. (honesty)
2. With assurance of faith. (confidence)
3. With a clean heart. (the blood of Jesus)

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We receive strength from...

1. The Confession of our hope.
2. The Faithfulness of God.
 - God is faithful in the beginning — when we join His family.
“God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.” - 1 Corinthians 1:9
 - God is faithful in the middle — during temptation.
“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” - 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - God is faithful in the end — and will keep us forever!
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A Responsibility to Others

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” - Heb. 10:24,25

The church is a body interacting with one another and not merely a food dispensary.

Observations from 1 Corinthians 12:12-26:

In the body of Christ...

1. There are many people. - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14
“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³The body is not made up of one part, but many.” - 1 Cor. 12:12-13
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“Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being a part of the body.” - 1 Corinthians 12:15
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“If the whole body were an eye where would the hearing of smell be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?” - 1 Corinthians 12:17
5. God chooses our gifts. - 1 Corinthians 12:18
“But in fact, God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be.” - 1 Corinthians 12:18
6. We can't live alone. - 1 Corinthians 12:20-21
“There are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don't need you!’ And the head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don't need you!’” - 1 Cor. 12:21
7. All are necessary. - 1 Corinthians 12:22-24
“Those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour.” - 1 Cor. 12:12-14
8. We need the gifts of others. - 1 Corinthians 12:25
“There should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.” - 1 Corinthians 12:25
9. We should care for each other. - 1 Corinthians 12:26-27
“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.” - 1 Corinthians 12:26

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