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WHAT IS FAMILY?

How do you see family in your minds? I like to think I have many families. I have my immediate family, my parish family, my Knights of Columbus family, and my client family. Actually we are all one big family of God; we are all his children. In every family there are disappointments and sadness. In the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, one of them is the fear of the Lord. It doesn't mean we should be scared of God. If we love him, as we truly love anyone else, we try to do what is right, not wanting to hurt them because we love them. As a father or a parent, we are sometimes disappointed in the child's choices or actions. But we love them and forgive them, hoping they make the right decisions. This makes me think of God the Father. How many times have I disappointed him? With all the wisdom and guidance of the Father, with his endless love and mercy, he is always there for you and me. It makes me want to love him and please him. How do you see family? Have you ever thought of God as a loving parent?