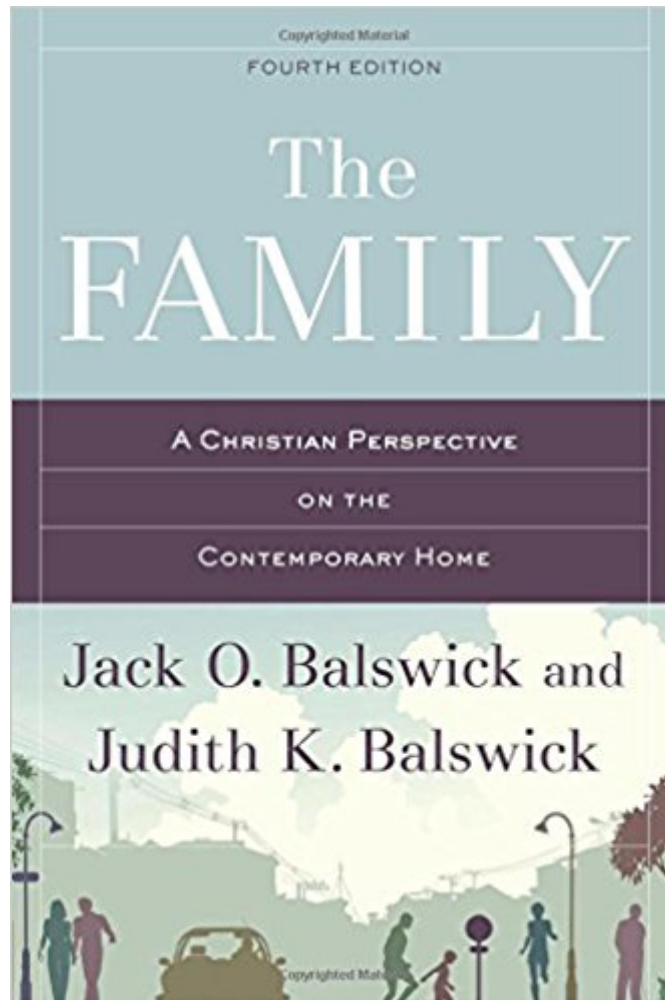




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# **The Family: A Christian Perspective On The Contemporary Home**



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This is a thorough, well-supported, well-researched, and well-written textbook that crosses subject boundaries between psychology, sociology, and theology. There are useful chart break-downs of key concepts which I plan to enlarge and post on the walls of my Biblical Counseling practice. I have cited this book many times in my coursework and keep it as a reference text. There are several useful summaries of modern and historical family therapy theories presented from the words of their founders and then discussed from a Biblical perspective, detailed discussions on how to deal with mobile and re-joining and blended families, and a separation of marriage and family concepts and priorities, all laid out in clear, topical, essays. I highly recommend this text to any Christian or Biblical counselor, pastor, elder, or lay-elder or family ministry officer.

A lot of information to get through, but extremely informative. Arrived on time and in great condition.

The Family by The Balswick's, provides a thorough assessment of the family unit within a Christian context. This textbook can definitely serve as a manual for those who work with families as their vocation, calling or ministry. The strategies provided are well grounded and practical for individuals, families, churches and communities ready to dig in and do the work required to support, restore and rebuild families.

Great book to read, gives wonderful perspectives on different views beyond Christians to understand others better.

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