

Family Council

Family Education Videos on “Family Values: Our Cherished Legacy”— Time Machines for Virtuous Family Values

Episode 4: Back in Time for Dinner

Video’s Transcript

Dr Moustachio : Your home can be designed,
(Narration) your furniture can be designed,
and so can your family rules and family education.
Have you ever wondered what counts for
desirable family rules and family education?
Put simply, what should your family values be?

Dr Moustachio : We Chinese value the Confucian teachings,
which advocate benevolence, righteousness
integrity, loyalty, filial piety, etc.
These are all traditional Chinese family virtues
worth passing down through generations
to become the treasures of every family.

Dr Moustachio : So, who am I?
Everyone calls me Dr Moustachio,
and I’m taking you on a treasure hunt—
the hunt for family treasures!

Man : My daughter and wife
will love having dessert together at this dining table.

Young girl : Gotcha!
This dining table is perfect for my family
to have friends over for meals and board games!

Woman : Last week, my family of five discussed and
decided to buy this dining table.

Customers : Dr Moustachio,
I'll buy this dining table.

Dr Moustachio : Every family uses, almost daily, their dining tables
where their family values and traditions are somehow shown.
How about sharing your family values shown at meals
so that I can decide to whom this dining table will go?

Customers : Sure!

Woman : I'll go first!
When I was small, my dad was an industrious breadwinner
who worked from dawn to dusk.
So at dinner time, my mum always minded me and my bro of
"an idle youth, a needy age",
hence "no lazybones".
My hubby and I now teach our son the same.

Dr Moustachio : Passing on the family value of diligence, well done!
How about you?

Man : Though I came from a middle-class family,
since childhood my five bros and I've learnt
that each meal is a blessing
of having someone to buy and cook the food.
Also, as every grain comes with toil,
waste no food.

Dr Moustachio : That's right.
Serve just enough food to avoid wastage.
That's a family value of frugality.

Man : To pass on virtuous family values, dialogue is vital.
So when my family have meals together,
we put away our mobiles whenever possible.

Dr Moustachio : Well done! First, put away your mobiles,
and then...

Young girl : And then it's my turn!
Though we've got a domestic helper
and my mum seldom works overtime,
my parents require me to spend time weekly
on ironing my school uniforms, folding the laundry,
and go jogging with them!

Dr Moustachio : How did you respond?
Did you protest?

Young girl : Of course I did!
At first, I couldn't see the point at all,
but I'm glad they've kept me company every time
and encouraged me all along.

Dr Moustachio : How?
With extra pocket money?

Young girl : Something of great value indeed,
but not pocket money.
It's the virtuous values that underpin my future success!

Customers : Dr Moustachio,
so to whom the dining table will go?

Dr Moustachio : The Dining Table of Family Values...
goes to all the three of you!
My time machine has just sent the Dining Table to your home.
Now hurry home to collect it!

Customers : Bye!

Dr Moustachio : Dear all,
as mentioned by many experts,
being diligent and frugal is a habit
built on persistent practice.
Family dialogues have to be frequent
and no mobile during family meals.
Be it the past, present or future,
passing on virtuous family values has only one best way,
i.e. teaching by example.

Dr Moustachio : In fact, every family member can take the lead
to set virtuous family values and pass them on!