

Soldiers of Christ Arise

2 Timothy 2:1-13



The Words of Jesus – Our Foundation

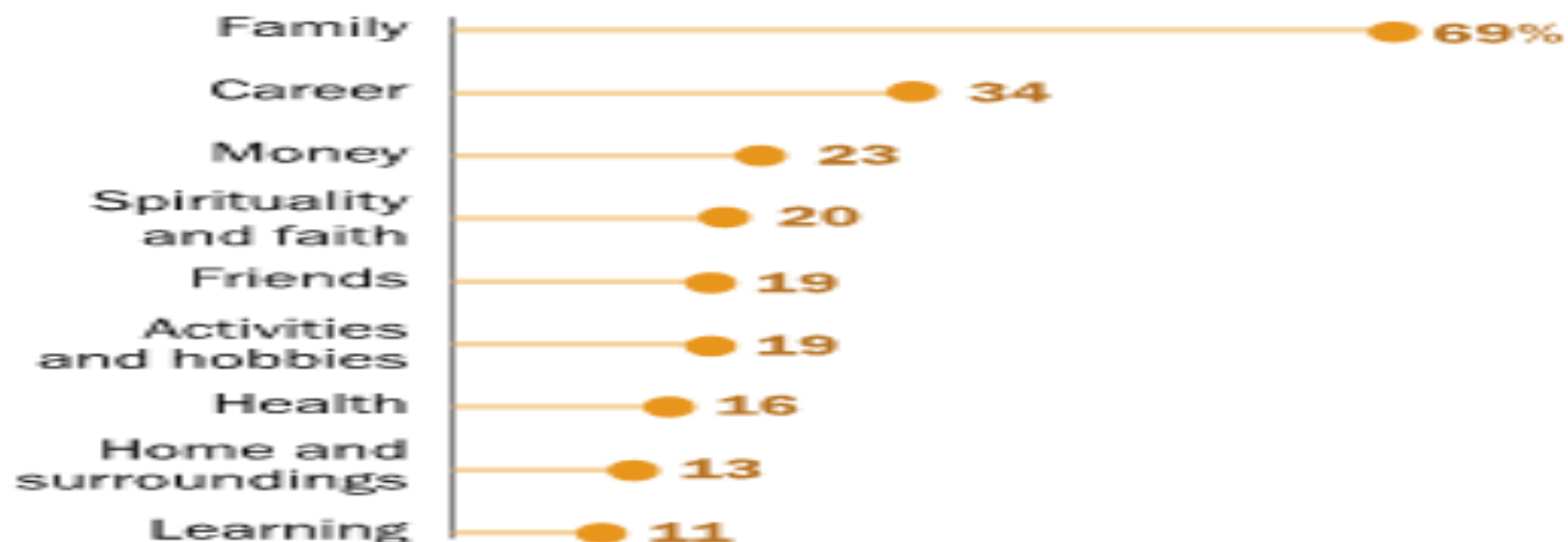
- **Mathew 7:24-25** - “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

The Message of Paul

- **1 Timothy 1:15-17-** The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Americans most likely to mention family when describing what provides them with a sense of meaning

In an open-ended question, % of Americans who mention _____ when describing what provides them with a sense of meaning



Source: Survey conducted Sept. 14-28, 2017, among U.S. adults.
"Where Americans Find Meaning in Life"

Where Do You Find Strength?

- **2 Timothy 2:1-2** - You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

A Good Soldier of Jesus

- **2 Timothy 2:3-4** - Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

Discipline – Strengthens and Encourages

- **2 Timothy 2:5-7** - An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Victory – The Word of God is Not Bound

- **2 Timothy 2:8-10** - Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Trustworthy Saying

- **2 Timothy 2:11-13** - The saying is trustworthy, for:
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.