

Are led by Godly men

There was a popular movie that came out a couple of years ago, the title of this movie was “Courageous” This movie was about fatherhood. This movie made me weep. I was shown what kind of a father, I need to be, what kind of a father I am not.

One line in this movie that really struck me was where one man was being “hard on himself” and his buddies assured him “You are a good enough father” to which he responded, I don’t want to be a good enough father.

How often are we “good enough” parents? That is exactly what Satan wants us to be. Do you allow the world to set your parenting standards?

Biblical Teaching

- **Deuteronomy 6:4-9-** Writing on our hearts...
- **Proverbs 22:6-** Train up
- **Proverbs 20:7-** The righteous man who walks in his integrity- blessed are his children after him!
- **Proverbs 13:1-**A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- **1 Thessalonians 4:1-** Excel still more



Father’s need to raise the standard

We could spend an entire class period looking at scripture that speaks directly to fathers. We want to get into some real, basic, practical things that as a father, I need to implement in my own home.

- I must raise the standard on my personal walk with God. (Luke 9:23, John 3:30, Deut 6:6, Matthew 23:3)
- I must raise the standard on how marriage is viewed in my home. (Ephesians 5:25-28, Job 31:1)
- I must raise the standard on media. (Matthew 22:37- How do we love God with our minds?)
- I must raise the standard in my home when it comes to sports. (Genesis 35:2—Has sports become a false god?)
- I will monitor my children on social media. Not because I don’t trust them, because I do not trust Satan 1 Peter 5:8

Families of Faith

What my family deserves

This question is an important one to ask. We live in a world full of “entitlement.” We all believe we are entitled to something. It is healthy for us as men to take a step back and ask, what does my wife deserve? What do my children deserve? Am I giving it to them?

- My family deserves a leader
- My family deserves a teacher
- My family deserves a protector
- My family deserves my passion
- My family deserves my time
 - Ephesians 6:4- How can a father provoke his children to anger? One sure way to do this is to abandon them- physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually
- You cannot have quality time, without quantity.
- My family deserves to see me pray
- My family deserves to see me reach out to the lost
- My family deserves someone, who will lead them to heaven.



Discussion!

1. What is the biggest challenge you face as a father?
2. What is one area you need to improve in?
3. What is the most dangerous attack being made on your children's souls?
4. What are you doing to protect your family from Satan?
5. How often do you gather the family together to spend time in song, study, or prayer?
6. Are you striving to lead a "Family of Faith?"

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