

“Fatherhood- A Call to Leadership” 5/24/09

“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. (Ephesians 5:22; Colossians 3:18; 1 Peter 3:1-6; Titus 2:5)

“But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.” (1Corinthians 11:3)

POINT 1- To fulfill our role as godly leaders we must be an EXAMPLE

“Not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.” (2Thessalonians 3:9)

- A. Our example must begin with our CHARACTER
(1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:1-9)
- B. Our example must be demonstrated through SERVANT LEADERSHIP
(Matthew 20:25-28; Luke 22:25-27; Mark 10:42-45; 1 Peter 5:3)

Going God wants His sons to focus on being an example for His family!
Deeper watching what you watch, saying what you say, listening to what you are listening to; looking on the Internet what you are doing? Treating his sisters the way you treat your wife or kids? Or just a hypocrite?

POINT 2- To fulfill our role as godly leaders we must not be idle but PRO-ACTIVE

- A. Our actions must include providing for our family TEACHING
(Deuteronomy 6:4-7; 4:10; 11:19; Ephesians 6:4)

“You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” (Deuteronomy 11:19)

- B. Our actions must include embracing our role as FATHERS
(Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 4:1; 19:8; 22:6; Hebrews 12:7-8; 1 Samuel 2:29)

1) Overprotection 2) Letting go 3) Favoritism 4) Overachievement 5) Discouragement 6) Love as tool for reward 7) Verbal & physical abuse 8) Pre-mature maturity 9) Comparing children

Harvard sociologists observed 4 primary factors necessary to prevent delinquency in 5-6 year olds. 1) Fathers firm, fair, consistent discipline; 2) Mothers supervision and companionship during day; 3) affection of parents and for children; 4) family activities

- C. Our actions must include setting the tone by giving honor to our WIVES
(1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:25-30; Colossians 3:19)

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