

The Influence of a Father

Introduction: Children growing up in our modern day society

I. The Father is to be Held Accountable

A. The Man is to be the Head

1. The man as head stems from the created order. (Gen 2:7, 21, 22; 1 Tim 2:13)
2. The husband is the head of both the wife and the family.

B. The Man is Held Responsible

1. Adam was not the one deceived. (1 Tim 2:14)
2. Eve was deceived, but God confronted _____. (Gen 3:9, 17) (Cf. Eph 6:4)

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II. The Father is to be the Spiritual Leader

A. The Decision of Salvation for his Household (Eph. 5:25-27)

1. The husband is to show the same kind of loving leadership towards his wife.
2. The father is to show the same kind of loving leadership towards his children.

B. The Decision of Service for his Household

1. Salvation is not an end in itself. Never!
2. What was Joshua's decision regarding service for his household?

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III. The Father is to be the Intercessor (Job 1:5)

A. The Father as the Pious Example – Job’s Prayer Life

1. Job not only prays but he has a prayer life – A life of prayer.
2. He exemplifies for us that prosperity and piety can go hand in hand.

B. The Father as the Priestly Example – Job’s Prays for his children

1. Job’s example tells us that pleasure no matter how innocent, dulls the soul towards God.
2. Job as a father was concerned with the spiritual well-being of his children.

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IV. The Father is to be the Teacher (Deu 6:6-9)

A. The Confrontation of God's Command vv6-7

1. Fathers are to be so confronted by God's commands in our entire being. (v6)
2. Fathers are to be so confronted by God's commands to teach their children. (v7)

B. The Constant Application of God's Command vv8-9

1. Our children must see the reality of God's Word in our daily lives right before their very eyes.
2. They must be able to see that dad (mom as well) is what he is both at home and in church.

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Conclusion: Such is the influence of a father ...
What are we leaving to our children that will last?
What will our children say of/about us as fathers?