

FATHERS WHO LOVE, LIFT, AND LEAD!

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

INTRODUCTION: Today we will talk about having fantastic families and being a fantastic father. As we study the Scriptures this morning it will become evident that producing a fantastic family is the father's responsibility. There are tremendous temptations that draw men away from their families and a walk of integrity with the Lord. Many men in our nation have never been taught how to be a godly man and a godly father. Psalm 68:5.

I. FATHERS LOVE YOUR FAMILY!

The Bible lays it out real clear how a man is to love his family. Ephesians 5:25; Ephesians 5:28; Ephesians 5:33. So how is a husband to love his wife? Just like Jesus Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for it. That kind of love is a self-sacrificing love. Love is primarily a verb. Love is not just something you feel. Love is something you do! Love is a decision! 1 Peter 3:7: there must be some comprehension on the part of the husband about his particular wife and about his particular children. We must have a sense of grace in our families. Dad you are the one responsible to be the spiritual leader in your home.

II. FATHERS LEAD YOUR FAMILY!

Our Lord has given the primary job of fathers setting the pace in the family of actively seeking after God. Ephesians 5:20-23. Dads you cannot exercise authority properly in your family unless you are under the authority of Jesus Christ in your own life. Family is a partnership between the husband and the wife. The husband is to be the head of his family: Ephesians 5:23. Dads you are responsible for what your children are allowed to watch and where they are allowed to go and with whom they are allowed to go. Malachi 2:15-16.

III. FATHERS LIFT YOUR FAMILY!

Ephesians 5:25-27: See from these verses how our Lord Jesus Christ gave of Himself to lift His church! Dad, that is how you are to love, lead and lift your family. Fathers you are to help your wife and your children learn their giftedness and encourage them to develop those gifts for God's glory. Proverbs 22:6. Dads you need to want your children to be exactly what your heavenly Father has equipped them to be. Fathers, if your Christianity does not work in your home, it is not working! Dads as you rely on your Lord to make you the man you should be He will bless your family and help each of them to become all He has equipped them to be! Fathers, love, lead and lift your family for God's glory.