



SPIRIT- EMPOWERED DAD

A TARGETED DISCIPLESHIP SERIES FOR MEN



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Spirit-Empowered Dad has been created to assist every man in the development of becoming a healthy dad. Becoming a Spirit-empowered father is the most important position or appointment anyone on the planet could receive. Your effectiveness in your role could make or break your child in the future. Your children will model their lives after your example when it comes to living life, how they treat their spouses, what they will do for a living, how they will serve God, and how they view themselves as people.

Your role as a Spirit-empowered dad can be the greatest time of your life. Unfortunately, some men view parenting as a mother's job, and every time she leaves the house, he feels stuck at home to babysit. What a tragedy!

As their father, you must seek to discover the individual personality of each of your children and work to bring out the best in your kids by being their biggest fans. You cannot be just one of their friends. They may have lots of friends, but they only have one dad.

Your kids are a precious gift from God, and you are charged to take care of them for Him. He has given you a tremendous responsibility to nurture and teach your children to know and love God. Our goal for **Spirit-Empowered Dad** is not just to help you raise great kids but to raise kids who become great adults.

Each lesson has four sections. The first is called **SIGHTLINE: Align the Target** and gives an overview to the subject. The second section is called **CROSSHAIR: Focus the Target**, and it helps you bring the subject into clearer focus. The third section, called **BULLSEYE: Hit the Target**, is intended to bring the entire study into clearer focus. The fourth section is called **Next Step**, which is designed to help you deepen your relationship with God by taking measures necessary to reach your goal. This section offers an idea you can use to apply your new knowledge in an action step. Men's Ministries realizes that not all relationships are created equally. If these action steps seem too difficult, simply adjust your next step so it will better fit into your relationship grid with your child.



These lessons have been built using several resources to provide you with an in-depth study without having to purchase every single resource. However, there are a few recommended tools available for purchase that will enhance your engagement with the lessons:

- FireBible®: English Standard Version® (www.MyHealthyChurch.com)
- Journal
- Colored Pencils
- Fine Point Pen

The ultimate goal of this study is to equip you to walk in Christ and grow as the priest in your home, church, and marketplace as a **Spirit-Empowered Dad**. By building a strong foundation for your own life as a spiritually healthy disciple of Jesus, these lessons will also equip you to lead your family safely through life's storms and battles.

Dads are not handed an instruction manual when their children arrive. Many men fear four things prior to becoming a father. One, that they will not be as good a dad as their dad was. Two, that they will be as bad a father as their father was, and that their children will grow up feeling like they do about their own dad. Third, that since their dad was not present in their lives, they do not have a good role model and so are at a complete loss as to how to be a good dad. And fourth, that because of their weaknesses, their children will not be able to love them.

As you develop into a Spirit-empowered dad, your sons will grow up wanting to be like you. Your daughters will grow up wanting to marry someone like you. Men's Ministries has a passion to reverse one of the most significant problems facing America - fatherlessness. Generation after generation of children fall prey to the same flaws as their father. This is a call for dads to protect their children from the hurt and harm of the outside world. This is a call for men to sharpen their skills so their children benefit from having dads who have been trained and empowered by God to raise the next generation.

In these lessons, you will discover core practices which will help you develop into a "worthy" dad of your home, church, and marketplace. The goal is for you to use this resource often, measuring and building your spiritual strength. Men's Ministries does not give a prescriptive formula to follow for developing into a Spirit-empowered dad because we believe every man is at a different place in his journey. However, each man, with counsel from his pastor,



should seek out the appropriate next steps as he continues to mature in Christ. Men's Ministries believes the Holy Spirit will guide you in how best to use **Spirit-Empowered Dad** in your life. As Paul states, "You have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator" (Colossians 3:9-10 ESV).

For Group Leaders

As you plan to use this material in a group format, below are some tips to help you get the most from these lessons:

- Determine who will be the group leader. The leader will be responsible for making copies, coordinating meeting times, and facilitating discussions.
- The group leader should select individuals to read aloud the **SIGHTLINE** and **CROSSHAIR** sections.
- Before a session begins, the group leader should read through the questions in the **BULLSEYE** section. Many lessons have more content than can be covered in one session, so the leader may choose to use only some of the questions or assign group members to work through some or all of the questions before arrival.
- If your group is very large, dividing into groups of three to four people is the best way to work through selected questions from the **BULLSEYE** section for 30 to 40 minutes. These groups should also commit to work together throughout the week.
- If you've divided into smaller groups, rejoin the entire group together after small group time. Discuss as a large group a few of the selected questions from the **BULLSEYE** section for 10 to 15 minutes.
- Finally, the leader is responsible to hold group members accountable for completing the reading before each session and ensuring that they are writing in their journals.



Lesson Breakdown

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Lesson 1: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Provides Spiritual Leadership

Lesson 2: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Is a Man of Integrity

Lesson 3: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Guides His Family's Spiritual Journey

Lesson 4: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Serves with Humility

Lesson 5: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Loves His Children Like God Loves Him

Lesson 6: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Creatively Communicates His Love

Lesson 7: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Loves His Children's Mother

Lesson 8: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Makes Time for His Children

Lesson 9: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Helps His Children Develop in All Areas of Life

Lesson 10: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Knows Why His Children Misbehave

Lesson 11: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Helps His Children Learn Self-Control

Lesson 12: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Balances Discipline with Grace

Lesson 13: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Challenges His Children to Dream Big

Lesson 14: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Is His Children's Biggest Cheerleader

Lesson 15: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Helps His Children See Beyond Themselves

Lesson 16: A Spirit-Empowered Dad Makes a Lifetime Commitment to His Children

