

Kingdom Preppers Week 7 Spiritually Leading Your Kids

Over the past few weeks, we have focused this series on **men and spiritual leadership**. God's design for leadership begins with the man and flows outward: **lead yourself spiritually, lead your marriage, lead our family and lead in the church**.

If we do not get the order right, everything else will be out of place. Spiritual leadership begins with surrendering to God's authority, guarding our hearts, knowing and obeying God's Word, and living a disciplined life of faith.

When a man leads himself spiritually, he can begin to lead his marriage with sacrificial love modeled after Christ.

Today we take the next step: How do we spiritually lead our children?

Challenge for Parents: Parenting is difficult, and many parents feel unprepared. Often parents focus heavily on worldly success, such as sports and activities, education and tutoring, college preparation, financial planning, or career success

While these things matter, many families neglect the most important responsibility: teaching their children how to follow God. Many children are prepared to succeed in the world but not prepared to stand firm in their faith. As parents we must teach our children how to: pray, read and understand God's Word, build a relationship with God, stand against spiritual battles.

Our Kids Ultimately Belong to God - Psalm 127:3-4

Children are described as: a heritage from the Lord, a reward or arrows in the hands of a warrior.

This reminds us that children are not ultimately ours and they are: God's possession, God's gift, God's blessing entrusted to us, because children are entrusted to us by God, we have the responsibility to steward and manage that gift well.

Our Responsibility: Train Our Children - Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." To **train** means: to teach, to prepare, to instruct over time. Spiritual training begins early.

Just as you cannot wait until retirement age to start saving, you cannot wait until children are older to begin spiritual preparation.

Spiritual training begins the moment God entrusts children to you.

Biblical Model for Teaching Our Kids: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (The Shema) This prayer was central to Jewish life and taught families how to pass faith to the next generation.

Step 1: Love God First - Deuteronomy 6:5 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength." Before we can lead our children spiritually, **God's Word must first be in our own hearts**. You cannot give what you do not possess. You cannot teach what you do not know. You cannot model what you do not live. Spiritual leadership in the home begins with our personal relationship with God.

Step 2: Impress God's Word on Your Children - Deuteronomy 6:7 "Impress them on your children."

To impress means to deeply engrave or shape something into someone's life. Parents are responsible for passing down their faith to the next generation. This happens through intentional discipleship in everyday life.

Step 3: Make God Part of Everyday Life - Deuteronomy 6:7-9 Faith was never meant to be something practiced once a week at church. God's Word should be present: at home, during conversations, during daily routines, and in visible places in the house.

Spiritual conversations should happen **during normal moments of life**.

Examples include talking about gratitude for God's blessings, encouraging children during struggles, addressing fear with God's truth or speaking identity through God's Word. Faith becomes real to children when **they see it lived out daily**.

Step 4: Model Faith for Your Children: Children learn more from **what we do** than from **what we say**.

Important questions to consider: Do your kids see you pray? Do they see you reading the Bible? Do they see you worship? Do they see you living out your faith? If parents say God is important but do not prioritize Him, children will notice the inconsistency.

Authentic faith must be **demonstrated daily**.

Children Are Arrows - Psalm 127:4 "Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children." Arrows require preparation: crafted carefully,

shaped and refined, sharpened for purpose and aimed intentionally. In the same way, parents are responsible for: shaping their children

strengthening their faith and giving them direction. Eventually, arrows are released. Our goal is to prepare children so they can **stand**

firm in their own faith: Our faith should not end with us. Instead, our children should begin where we left off. **Our faith ceiling should become their faith floor**. This is how faith impacts **generations**.

A Commitment to Lead - Joshua 24:15 "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua first made a personal decision, then led his household. Spiritual leadership requires fathers to: commit personally to God, lead by example, initiate spiritual conversations, prioritize God in the home.

Someone will influence and lead your children spiritually. It could be: friends, culture, social media, or school systems. Or it can be **you**. Fathers have the responsibility to disciple their children and prepare them to walk faithfully with God.

Question to Reflect on: Who is shaping the faith of your children? And will you commit, like Joshua, to say: **"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."**

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MEN'S BREAKFAST
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MEN'S BREAKFAST

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3/18 - 3/25

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