



A Man & His Family
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REAL MOMENTUM

CH Spurgeon, We deeply want a revival of domestic religion. The Christian family was the bulwark of godliness in the days of the Puritans, but in these evil times hundreds of families of so-called Christians have no family worship, no restraint upon growing sons, and no wholesome instruction of discipline. How can we hope to see the kingdom of our Lord advance when His own disciples do not teach His gospel to their own children?

...Oh, Christian men..., be thorough in what you do and know and teach! Let your families be trained in the fear of God, and be yourselves 'holiness unto the Lord.' So shall you stand like a rock in the surging waves of error and ungodliness which rage around us.

1. **Nothing** exposes me more than being a husband and a father.
2. The way a man leads his **family** is the true test of maturity.
3. Raising a family that **glorifies** God doesn't just happen.
4. **Wealth** is not determined by what's on the table but who is around it.
5. Family and the raising of children is one of the greatest **blessings** that could ever be given to individuals.

Psalm 78:1-11

Character of God -

Content of Scripture -

1. We are to be **faithful stewards.**
(dependable/reliable/trustworthy/responsible)

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12, You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; ¹¹ as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, ¹² that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

EXHORTED - Steward Direction.

Walk worthily...

(urge, implored, ask for earnestly, encourage, call together)

COMFORTED - Steward Devotion.

Of God Who calls you into His own kingdom and glory

(console, comfort)

CHARGED - Steward Destination.

Into His own kingdom and glory

(insist on, testify)

We are to lead our family toward a destination we may never see.

2. We are to be family shepherds.

Ephesians 5:23-6:4

1. Headship – I am to lead my family

Ephesians 5:23-24, For the husband is **head of the wife**, as also **Christ is head of the church**; and He is the Savior of the body.²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

In Genesis we see that the woman was...

Made **after the man...**

Made **for the man... Genesis 2:18**

Made **from the man... Genesis 2:22**

Brought **to the man... Genesis 2:22**

Named **by the man... Genesis 2:19**

2. Heart – I am to love my family

Ephesians 5:25-33, Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This

is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects *her* husband.

God the Father and His Son, Jesus **Matthew 3:13-17, 4:1**

Suddenly, a voice came from heaven saying...

This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.

Every child needs your voice to be one of...

1. Affirmation
2. Affection
3. Appreciation
4. Authorization – then Jesus was led up by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil.

3. Hope – I am to lift my family

My first ministry/calling is to be Nichole's husband
AND my children's father.

Ephesians 6:1-4, Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: ³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

3. We are to be fervent servants. Psalm 78:5-7

That the generation to come might know *them*,
The children *who* would be born,
That they may arise and declare *them* to their children,
⁷That they...

- (1) may set their hope in God,
- (2) And not forget the works of God,
- (3) But keep His commandments;