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Spiritual Leadership in the Home

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Men carry the burden and blessing of Spiritual Leadership in the home. Ask God to grip your heart and equip you to be a better man, husband, and father. Let's win at home by loving and leading with clarity, compassion, and conviction!

UNSPOKEN: Things men won't talk about. AND what the church is silent about.

Psalm 14:1-2. The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. **2The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.**

Opening Remarks:

- **Nothing** exposes me more than being a husband and a father.
- Raising a family that **glorifies** God doesn't just happen.
- **Wealth** is not determined by what's on the table but who is around it.

1. A CRY FOR **CLARITY** – HELP! What do I do?

Personal observations concerning **the alarming apathy of the Church** and its neglected encouragement and equipping of men on their responsibilities in marriage and family:

1. It's alarming how **quiet** it is in the church regarding God's call on a man and his responsibility in being the spiritual leader of his wife and children.

2002 – Southern Baptist Convention Council on Family Life discovered that 88% of the children raised in evangelical homes leave church at age 18.

Tom Elliff, "When people say to me that the American family is in the intensive care unit, I tell them that, in reality, the family is still out on the street waiting to be brought to the emergency room."

Psalm 12:1, Help LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from the sons of men.

2. While churches are seeking to become progressive in their "worship and witness" it's overwhelming how **confused** they seem to be in matters relating to marriage and family.

3. Thinking that the church can reach and win the next generation without reaching the **dads** of those children can be dangerous.

4. Could it be that America's best **atheists** are children of the church?

Erwin McManus, *An Unstoppable Force*, "For some churches, maintaining a standard of hymns and pews has been more important than the changing world around them. Now we are living with the reality that, all too many times, we kept our traditions and lost our children."

Thom Rainer, Essential Church, "From the period of 1990 to 2004 the United States population expanded by more than 18 percent. During this same period the percentage of people attending church declined by about 3 percent. Not only is the church not keeping up with the population; it is losing ground... The church is losing the generational battle. Not only are we losing our nation to the ways of the world, we are not winning our own children in Christian families... Reversing the trend is not easy. The enemy is entrenched."

5. And the enemy could be **us**.

Personal observations concerning **the danger of assuming that men know and understand their Biblical responsibilities in marriage and family:**

1. The church will not stand before the Lord to give the account of Spiritual Leadership for your wife and children; **you** will.
2. Spiritual Leadership starts in Heaven, moves through your heart, and into the lives of those in **your** home.
3. Boys and girls are growing up today without models of real **men**.
4. Most our Nation's youth do not have a Biblical Worldview and you and I are **responsible**.

Mike Huckabee's January 24, 2018 article entitled Generation Z Goes Adrift, he mentions that, "The Barna Group just released a new study of Generation Z (current teenagers) found that they are the least Christian Generation in American History. Near twice as many claim to be atheists as Millennials (13%; 7%) and that only 4% hold what is considered a Biblical worldview."

He concluded his article by stating the obvious...

"If you had to sum up this survey in one sentence, it would be that **it's shocking how far off course children can drift when their parents simply cut them loose.**"

5. Men, we didn't lose America we gave her away. And, if we're not careful, the church, the bride of Christ, and our families are going to die in **our** arms.
6. Spiritual Leadership in the home must begin with **Biblical Manhood** with the connection God makes in a man's heart through his Spiritual leadership and discipleship.
7. **Spiritual** leadership starts in your home, not "his" home or "their" home... "your" home.

1. **Headship** – I am the man to **lead** my wife and children

Feminism distorts God's supernatural plan for your wife.

2. **Heart** – I am the man to **love** my wife and children

Secularism is destroying God's supernatural plan for your children.

3. **Hope** – I am the man to **lift** my wife and children

Satan wants to destroy you and your family with the lies of the world; Jesus wants to deliver you and your family with the Light of His Word.

2. A CRY FOR **COMPASSION** – HELP! How do I do it?

Mark 6:34, And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

Ask God to break your heart for your wife (future wife)... for your children (future children).

1 Peter 3:7, Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Resolve to LOVE Our Wives by

1. **Leading**

2. **Lifting**

3. **Listening**

4. **Learning**

5. **Lasting**

Resolve to LEAD Our Children

Proverbs 20:6... Who can find a faithful man?

Proverbs 31:10... Who can find a virtuous woman?

Malachi 4:4-6, "Remember the Law of Moses, my servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. ⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

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

Resolve to LEAD Our Children

1. **Affirmation**

2. **Affection**

3. **Appreciation**

4. **Authorization**

3. A CRY FOR COURAGE – God, I need you! HELP!

1 Corinthians 13:11, When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

1. Repent of Passivity

2. Expect the greater reward

3. Accept Responsibility

4. Lead Courageously

1 Corinthians 16:13-14, Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

¹⁴ Let all *that you do* be done with love.

Let's begin to see our role as men in God's Word move from something we read in the Bible transform into a way of life.

There may be one or two men in here that have a burden to help your church make Spiritual Leadership a priority.

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