

ARROWS IN THE HANDS Raising Sons & Shepherding Daughters Keith Boggs

Psalm 127:3-4, Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb *is* a reward. ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.

Some foundational thoughts...

1. Nothing exposes me more than being a father.

2. Raising a family that glorifies God doesn't just happen.

3. You cannot talk about fatherhood without talking about manhood.

Proverbs 20:6-7, Most men will proclaim each his own bgoodness, But who can find a faithful man? ⁷The righteous *man* walks in his integrity; His children *are* blessed after him.

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

Proverbs 25:19, Confidence in an unfaithful *man* in time of trouble *Is like* a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

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."

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Raising Sons:	
1. Fathers are <u>r</u>	for setting their son's spiritual trajectory.
2. <u>Y</u>	_home should be the place of discipleship. Deuteronomy 6:4-6

3. Boys do not rise to the occasion, they sink to the level of their <u>t</u>______.

Matthew 3:16-4:1 – may your sons hear the voice of... from you

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Shepherding Daughter:

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1. You, <u>m</u> than anyone else, set the course for your daughter's life.

She needs every bit of masculine courage and compassion you own as a man.

2. Your daughters need the <u>best</u> of who you are.

- <u>S</u>_____– Hebrews 4:16
- <u>C</u> Joshua 1:8-9
- <u>I</u> 2 Timothy 2:15
- <u>F</u>____– Philippians 2:12-13

3. Fathers are what stands between daughters and this <u>t</u>world.

"You need to stop in your tracks, open your eyes wider, and see what your daughter faces today, tomorrow, and in ten years. It's tough and it's frightening, but this is the way it is. While you want the world to be cautious and generous with her, it is cruel beyond imagination—even before she is a teen. Even though she may not participate in ugly stuff, it's all around her: sexual promiscuity, alcohol abuse, foul language, illegal drugs, and predatory boys and men who want only to take some from her." – Dr. Meg Meeker

Closing thoughts:

1. Consistency and faithfulness will matter <u>m</u> than talent and resources for your children.

2. Don't be a <u>mediocre</u> Dad. Your children will pay the price of not being protected and prepared.

3. Proverbs 14:26, "In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge."