

## “Becoming A Godly Man”

**Introduction:** Weldon Hardenbrook, in his book, *Missing from Action*, states that, “The American male is in a fundamental struggle for his identity.” If that’s true for men in general, it’s got to make an impact on the kind of fathers we are producing in our country. Although the criticisms have been pervasive, God has called fathers to a high and noble responsibility. Today we consider what it means to be called “dad.”

What’s the problem?

- Men have never been \_\_\_\_\_ to be fathers. “...That’s why there are so many fathers who have children, but so few \_\_\_\_\_ who have \_\_\_\_\_.” - Adlai Stevenson
- There is \_\_\_\_\_ about what it means to be a man/dad.

Consider Psalm 127:1

1. Dad’s must commit themselves to a \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Jesus.

*The best contribution any family member can make to the rest of the family is his/her own \_\_\_\_\_.” – Elton Trueblood*

- Our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ – Love God (Matthew 22:37-38).
  - Our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ – Seek God’s Kingdom (Matthew 6:33).
2. Dad’s must commit themselves to “\_\_\_\_\_” with their wives (consider Matthew 19:5 and Ephesians 5:25).
  3. Dad’s must commit themselves to \_\_\_\_\_ their families (Ephesians 5:23 and 1 Corinthians 11:3).
    - By setting the \_\_\_\_\_ in the home.
    - By \_\_\_\_\_ the truth of God’s Word (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).
    - By \_\_\_\_\_ !
    - By \_\_\_\_\_ your family.

**Conclusion:** The ultimate goal of fatherhood – to leave a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Malachi 2:15).