

Kenny Luck – Leading Children Well

Kenny admitted to having a rough childhood. Yet he learned that he could be a godly father. Whether you are a dad or a granddad, God has gifted you. The best thing about following Jesus is that you share the same Father. He used the story of the Costa Concordia that ran aground off the coast of Spain a few years ago. The ship's captain abandoned his leadership. Kenny used the term "leader-ship" as a metaphor of the father (leader) and his family (ship). He shares some startling statistics about the importance of a father:

- 88% of children are abandoning the faith of their families before they finish high school.
- If a child is the first to come to faith, 3.5% of families follow their lead.
- If a mom is the first to come to faith, 17% of families follow their lead.
- But, if a dad is the first to come to faith, 93% of families follow their lead.

Do you accept this identity of Leader-Ship? (see Deuteronomy 1:29-31)

Three Key Principles for Leading Children Well (The 3 M's):

1. Model – God modeled leader-ship with His Son (Luke 6:40; Ephesians 6:4)
2. Mentor – Jesus mentored His followers (Matthew 4:19)
3. Message – Jesus gave His disciples a vision (see John 14)

How are you Modeling, Mentoring, and Messaging your children?

Three Types of Application (The 3 T's):

1. Time – Discipline your schedule
2. Talk – Train yourself in communication
3. Touch – Make your lap a safe place

How are you doing in the areas of Time, Talk, and Touch? Which of these needs the most attention?

The Prize:

1. Emotional security
2. Acceptance
3. Worth
4. Peace

How are your children doing in these areas? Which of these needs the most attention?