

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 6-20-21
Father's Day - Men Ready

1. Introduction:

a. Happy Father's Day:

- 1) Another year of being a father under your belt!
- 2) Raising children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord doesn't just happen.
 - a) What is the target you are aiming for concerning your family?

b. Father's lead in light of their vision for their family:

- 1) Proverbs 29:18 –
- 2) This is why I ask – Father's, what is your vision for your family?
- 3) The question is sometimes posed regarding children –

2. Men Ready!

a. What is Men Ready?

- 1) It is a ministry that is seeking to understand where men are at today, what they are facing, what they need and how, through the leading of the Spirit, God would use us as a church to meet that need in his life.

b. Why is the equipping of men so important?

- 1) To know, understand and walk in light of the purpose God has for you.

c. Don't lose sight of the bigger picture:

- 1) Moses' challenge to the children of Israel in Deuteronomy 6 was to pass truth forward.
- 2) The reason why this was so important is found in Judges 2:7-11
- 3) If you don't learn from the past you are more likely to repeat it.
- 4) It would be easy for Judges 2:10 to be written again..... BUT
- 5) What does it mean to be Men Ready?
 - a) Men who do not hesitate, Men who are prepared and fitted with what is necessary, Men who are willing to do and to suffer if necessary and Men who are near, not distance.

3. Men Ready to be a man that follows Christ:

a. Where does this start?

- 1) CHANGE!!!! – II Corinthians 5:17
- 2) If there is no Holy Spirit then there has been no salvation. Ephesians 1:13-14

b. Following Christ by walking in the Spirit:

- 1) To follow Christ is to be obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
 - a) Galatians 5:16 –
- 2) A Man who is READY is learning this because everything you will be and do going forward will flow from walking in the Spirit in this life that God has given you.

4. Men Ready to be a husband that loves his wife as Christ loves the Church.

a. A life-long commitment:

- b. But what do we know about marriage?
- 1) It is challenging because it is the mystery of two becoming one.
 - 2) The command – Ephesians 5:25 – “**Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it.**”
 - 3) How could I learn what this means?
 - a) Investigate the comparison through questions.
 - 4) Men ready who do not hesitate, Men who are prepared and fitted with what is necessary, Men who are willing to do and to suffer if necessary and Men who are near, not distant.
5. Men Ready to be a father that follows Christ:
- a. Once a father, always a father.
 - 1) The only thing that changes are the seasons of fathering.
 - 2) Two key verses that are familiar but are they understood?
 - a) Proverbs 22:6 – “**Train up** (to narrow, to initiate or discipline) **a child in the way** (course of life or mode of action, do this by – conversation, custom, journey, manner, as a passenger) **he should go** (according to) **and when he is old** (aged man, when he is mature) **he will not depart** (will not turn it off) **from it.**”
 - b) Ephesians 6:4 – “**And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath**, (to bring to anger/exasperate them to resentment) **but bring** (rear up, maturity, nourish) **them up in the nurture** (tutor, educate, training – disciplinary correction chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture) **and admonition** (calling, attention, mild rebuke, warning) **of the Lord.**”
 - 3) One of the things that catches new fathers off guard early on is the realization that they know more about work, play, hobbies, business and sports than they know of God’s Word and what it has to say about the family.
6. Today’s Take Away: Something to keep in mind
- a. Where do young men get their information on being a man, husband and a father?
 - 1) Do you see why it is so important to be equipped?
 - b. Does it help to be reminded of things like this? Three things I want to give you:
 - 1) First – To share Jesus with you if you do not know Him.
 - 2) Second – this message. It will be on the website to listen to again for help.
 - 3) Third – This READY sticker