

Family-Leadership: Leading My Wife And Children For Christ

Week 3 - Men For Jesus Leadership Training

EPHESIANS: THE BIG PICTURE

God urges us, via Paul, to live a life worthy of the calling we have received.
To do this...

1. We must stop _____.

Ephesians 4:17-18

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

2. We must start _____.

Ephesians 4:22-24

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 5:1

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

1. Marriage is a _____, not a _____.

Ephesians 5:31

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

2. Marriage is a reflection of _____.

Ephesians 5:32

This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

3. Marriage illustrates the _____ of God.

John 6:38

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."

GOD'S DESIGN FOR HEADSHIP

1. Definitions:

Submitting: _____ to yield to another.

Head: The one God appoints as primarily _____.

2. Husband and wife have _____.

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

3. Husband and wife are both _____.

Ephesians 5:21

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

4. Husband and wife are called to _____ that submission in _____.

Ephesians 5:22 - Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:25 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

Ephesians 5:28 - ...husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies...

Ephesians 5:33 - ...each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself...

LOVING AND LEADING YOUR WIFE

1. Love her as you love _____.

Ephesians 5:33 - ...each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself...

- Become a student of your wife: study her!
- Learn how to love her in ways that she understands. (Quality time, words of affirmation, giving gifts, physical romance, listening well, serving...)
- Ask her how you could make her feel more loved.
- Be humble, ready to repent, and willing to change.
- Pursue her.
- Be committed to growing together spiritually.

2. Give _____ up for her.

Ephesians 5:25 - ... just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

- Love her when it's hard.
- Love her when it's one-sided.
- Love her when she seems unlovable.
- Stay and finish your work.

LOVING AND LEADING YOUR CHILDREN

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

1. Pray _____ and _____.

2. Be _____ when you're present.

3. Define _____, and _____.

- Provide Godly discipline
- Tailor the discipline to the child

4. Teach by _____.

- Practice humility
- Be grateful
- Extend grace
- Repent
- Forgive
- Serve others

5. Find ways to _____ as a family.

- Teach them the Bible

6. Focus on _____.

