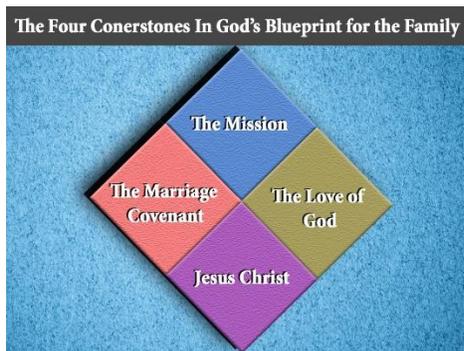


## God's Blueprint For The Family Managing Discipleship-Part 2



In this sermon series we have learned from God's Word the four cornerstones in God's blueprint for the family.

We have learned from God's Word how to build our family on these cornerstones by managing issues God's Way.

Managing our moral and social responsibilities to one another.

Managing money.

Managing conflict.

Managing anger.

Managing discipleship.

It is the husband and father's responsibility to be an intentional leader who manages discipleship for his family. (Eph. 5:25-27; Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:6-9)

When most men hear this for the first time, they are overwhelmed. After the initial shock many men want to know what they should do to manage discipleship for their family.

- Take your family to church to hear the preaching of the Word of God. (Exodus 23:14-17; 1 Cor. 2:4; Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Tim. 5:17)  
The Jews were required to do this 3 times a year.

That was the only opportunities they had.

Most churches have assemblies at least once a week that everyone in a family can attend. Husband, lead your wife to attend. Father's lead your children to attend. Don't send them without you. Don't drop them off. Take them. Listen attentively. Take the sermon seriously. Discuss the sermon with your family.

- Have regular times with your family every day to learn the Word of God together. (Deut. 6:6-7; Eph. 6:4)

Most men are overwhelmed when they hear this. They want to know when, how, what?

God gave the Jews some practical instructions about this.

Deut. 6:6-7

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.  
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He told the men to teach their families His Word as they sit in their house, when they were traveling, when they laid down at night, and when they rose up in the morning.

This means to plan times to teach the Word of God to your family.

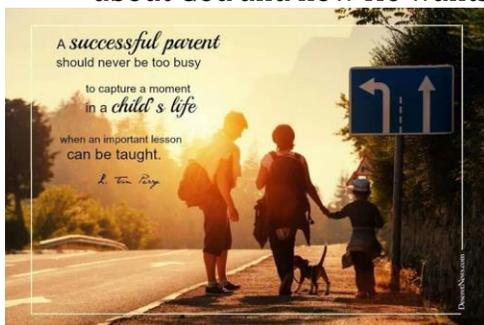
It also means take advantage of teaching moments to share the Word of God with your family. (Ex. 13:14)

Ex. 13:14

14 So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

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Everyday life presents to us teaching moments. Turn off everything and take advantage of it. Use the circumstances of life and the Word of God to teach the truth about God and how He wants us to live.



This will never happen unless it is in your heart to keep the Word of God and you are meditating on the Word of God.

Deut. 6:6-9

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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Jesus said it like this...

John 14:15

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

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The disciples of Jesus were grieving over His departure. Jesus told them that if they really wanted to show their love for Him, then after He was gone, keep His commandments.

The word love is the word agape. It means to sacrifice yourself for the well-being of another. Jesus said to His disciples if you love me, if you really want to show that you are committed to my glory and success, just don't grieve over my departure, but keep my Word.

The word keep does not mean to just obey. The Greek word means to watch over or to guard or keep your eye on something with the intention of obeying. The word keep is another word for meditation.

Jesus said to His disciples that the best way they could give of their love for Him was to keep His commandments.

This is also true for us.

If we love Jesus by personally keeping His Word, it will be natural for us to keep His Word before our family.

If we are not keeping His Word or it is not in our heart, then teaching our family God's Word will be a religious exercise in futility.

- Model for your family what a disciple of Jesus looks like. (Phil. 3:17)

Paul said...

1 Cor. 11:1

Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

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Phil. 3:17

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

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Make sure your deeds match your words.

And when you realize your deeds do not match your words, be transparent. Others will learn as much from your transparency as they do from your success.

I cannot give you any assurance from God's Word that if you will fulfill your responsibility to your family that you will have a great marriage or that your children will grow up and follow Jesus.

I cannot give you any assurance that your life will change the life of one solitary soul.

Even though many of the Founding Fathers intended The United States of America to be a nation without slavery, this didn't happen right away. Years after our nation's began, the majority of Congress was opposed to the emancipation of slaves. Despite this fact, one man fought tirelessly for the freedom of America's slaves. This man was John Quincy Adams, the 6<sup>th</sup> president of the United States. After serving as President, for 17 years in Congress, he consistently fought for this cause- even when it seemed that he was making no progress at all. One day, while he was leaving the Capitol building, a reporter stopped him and asked why he kept pushing for the emancipation of slaves when it seemed hopeless? Adams turned, looked at the reporter, and said simply,

**"Duty is ours, results are God's."**

If a man can be so moved to do his duty for the sake of so many people that he did not know, certainly those of us who are followers of Christ should be so moved to do our duty for the sake of Christ and the eternal souls of our family members.

To present our bodies for this cause is our reasonable service of worship of Jesus Christ.

Being born again of the Spirit creates within us a new nature that is holy and righteous. To disciple others is who we are and not just something we do.

If you are born again, you will be miserable with being anything less than what God's Spirit has created you to be, a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Jesus gave His disciples the Holy Spirit to enable them to complete the mission He had given them. The Holy Spirit lives in everyone who has received Jesus.

Our problem with obeying God's call to disciple is our unwillingness and our unbelief in His power!

Will you receive Jesus?

Will you surrender to God's call to disciple others?

Will you trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to disciple others?