

The Role of the Father

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Sunday morning service

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Mufassa & Simba

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5IEJlbEgz4&t=5s>

In the video clip, they were standing on very high ground - but Simba was not paying attention to the height or his surroundings, because he knew his father was there to protect him.

Mufassa explained how his time as king will come to an end and Simba's will start.

The father was taking the opportunity to mentor his child, explaining to him that as king - he can't just do what he wants.

He was mentoring him.

Ephesians 5:22-33

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Saviour of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

Husbands are represented as the head.

God created man to rule and reign and represent Him on earth.

Men (Fathers) have responsibilities and, like Simba, we can't just do what we want.

The Father is the leader, the one everyone looks to for guidance.

His relationships with his family must resemble the relationship between Christ and the church.

The relationship is not dominant, but intimate.

The husband must love the wife as Christ loves the church.

The father has to lay down his own wants and needs for the sake of his family.

God is the good Father.

That means that there is a standard - not a worldly standard, but a spiritual high standard that God has set.

Men represent Christ in the household.

Husbands: supply, provide, encourage, teach, etc.

The heart of the Father

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

James 1:17

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

Every good gift is from above.

The heart of the Father is to give, to see the child happy.

It is fun to be around the father, the role model.

Psalms 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Now read it as:

The good father is my shepherd.

When I'm with the Father, I'm at peace.

Nobody's going to look for trouble with me, because they know who's son I am.

Dads have to create an environment where their families want to spend time with them.

Having kids doesn't make you a father.

Being a father is about the way you conduct yourself.

The way we conduct ourselves is how the child perceives things and how they're going to live when they grow up.

Things like how to treat your spouse – they perceive how to behave as adults by looking at their parents.

The man is responsible for the household.

A chaotic house is a father's responsibility.

Fathers have to uphold a position of stature - not dominance, but authority and respect in his household.

Dad sets the standards at home.

Fathers are the protectors.

It's the father's responsibility to stand up for his family.

They have to create an environment where the family feels safe.

They have to make their family feel loved, because perfect love casts out all fear (**1 John 4:18**).

A father builds up his family with words of affirmation.

There is security and safety in his hugs.

The most important thing a dad does is not putting food on the table, but installing values in his children.

Joshua 24:15

If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Dad sets the example of how God is worshiped.

A child does not always remember what you say, but he remembers the way you conduct yourself.

Regarding Discipline:

Proverbs 13:24

He who withholds his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

Hebrews 12:6

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him; For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives.”

Correction has to be out of love and guidance.

Think about the potter and the clay, that is how we are forming and shaping our children.

If your motive is right, the child remembers the motive above the correction.

Remember the reason why you discipline.

Teach them consequences.

Leaving an inheritance:

A physical inheritance is not the most important inheritance.

Values and ethics are things money can't buy.

“If all you have is money, you're the poorest person I know.”

Money can't buy your family.

Luke 11-13

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Deuteronomy 6:5-11

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. "Then it shall come about when the Lord your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied,

Psalms 78:4

We will not conceal them from their children, But tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.

Children must be able to have an open relationship with their dad.

Focus and listen to them, just as God listens to us.

Children must be able to trust their father.

Take this word and work on it.

Do not neglect your family.

