

Lead Your Family

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***Leadership is INFLUENCE
and EVERYBODY has influence.***

TRUTH: *The hardest place to LEAD is at HOME.*

The Challenges.

- You're too busy or too tired.
- Your spouse isn't helping out.
- You think it's too late.
- You've been hurt.
- You don't know how.

7 ways to Lead your Family.

1. Lead Yourself First.

Mark 12

³⁰ You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.

³¹ The second (commandment) is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.

- You can't give what you don't have.
- God > You > Family > Others

"Leaders that last - lead themselves first."

- Andy Stanley

2. Know Where You're Going.

Psalm 78

⁴ We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. ⁶ So the next generation might know them - even the children not yet born - and they in turn will teach their own children. ⁷ So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.

- #1 job as a parent is to point your children to God.
- When you start with the end in mind you'll know what to do in the middle.

3. Work as a Team.

Genesis 2

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." ²⁴ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into ONE.

Colossians 3

¹⁸ Wives submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

Ephesians 5

²¹ Submit to ONE ANOTHER out of reverence for Christ.

Galatians 3

²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all ONE in Christ.

- Marriage is a covenant to be friends, partners and lovers for life.
- It doesn't matter who does what - what matters is that we get it all done.

4. Do the Next Right Thing.

Proverbs 4

²⁵⁻²⁷ Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil

- Come up with a plan.
- Work your plan.

5. Ask for Help.

James 1

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

- The Holy Spirit is your helper.
- Your spouse is your helper.
- Your community is your helper.

6. Lead with Joy.

Isaiah 55

¹² You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

- When you focus on things that are Joyful you'll have more Joy.
- Children are God's blessing that we get to manage.

7. Put Your Hope in the Lord.

Psalms 71

⁵ O Lord, you alone are my hope.
I've trusted you, O Lord, from childhood.

- The Lord is the only one who won't let you down.
- Hope is believing that God can do what you can't.

Questions.

Q: What is your biggest challenge to leading at home?

Q: Which of these 7 Truths do you need to work on?

1. Lead yourself first.
2. Know where you're going.
3. Work as a team.
4. Do the next right thing.
5. Ask for help.
6. Lead with joy.
7. Put your hope in the Lord.

Q: What is your next step to being a better leader at home?

Q: Who can help you take your next step?

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Prayer: Father, thank you for showing me how to Lead my Family. I'm asking you to fill me with your peace, patience, gentleness, and kindness so that I can overflow YOUR LOVE to my spouse and my children. Give me the courage to take my next leadership step, no matter how difficult it seems. I pray this in the POWER of your name, Amen.