

Returning to the Field

Matthew 10:38-39 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

1. Jason, Be careful to be the spiritual leader of your home
I Timothy 3:4-5 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
 - a. Remember to pray for your family each day
 - b. Remember to take time each week to spend spiritual leadership time
 - i. 5 to 15 minute devotional time
 - ii. 4 or 5 days a week

2. Lori, be careful to be the spiritual responder and follower in your home Ephesians 5:23-24 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is

subject unto Christ, so *let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*

- a. Remember to pray for your family
- b. Remember to always help your children love and respect their dad
- c. Be careful not to nag if he doesn't do all that he should as the spiritual leader

3. Jason, Be careful to take time for your wife and children

I Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

- a. Don't make the mistakes that I made
- b. Spend time playing with them
- c. Make a conscious effort to do what might not be that comfortable
- d. Have a date night with your wife
- e. Listen to your wife
- f. Hold her when she wants to cry

4. Lori, be careful to take time for your husband and children
Genesis 2:18 *And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*
 - a. Remember you will have the most pressure on you raising these children and your heart and attitude are determining factors for how they will respond to all the pressures
 - b. Be careful to understand your husband and not nag if he fails but to carefully remind him when the time is right

5. Jason and Lori, Let me remind you to train men and women and allow them to do ministry **II Timothy 2:2** *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*
 - a. Teach your men and women to be Bible teachers and preachers
 - b. Teach the people to be self feeders
 - c. Let me remind you that your example is their greatest teacher

6. Be on guard against the spiritual attacks that are coming your way **I Peter 5:7-9** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. **8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: **9** Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.
- a. The second term has some strange opportunities to mess you up
 - b. Sometimes things aren't like you remembered
 - c. The people may not seem to have missed you as much as you would have wanted
 - d. They might not need you so much in the ministry
 - e. Expenses of getting set up and the unsettled life of moving back in can be a problem