

B. Strong Fathers Help Build Strong Churches!

- 1. The man who actively presides over his family spiritually prepares for potential service**
- 2. Churches with no fathers are deficient**

APPLICATIONS:

- 1. God is the perfect Father. Do you know Him? We can't live without Him! We need a relationship with Him through Jesus!***
- 2. We counter the lies around us in our Culture by being watchful, discerning and by bringing every thought into obedience to Christ through the application of the Word!***
- 3. We need the Word of God every day! To Read it, to know it, to apply it!***
- 4. Yes, Christian Fathers are needed in the home, in the Church and in society.***
- 5. Let's pray for a generation of godly marriages and godly Fathers who will fulfill their God-ordained responsibilities!***

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 10:5

**TITLE: "Demolishing Cultural Lies with Biblical Truth"
(part 7—Fathers)**

*** Biblical Truth demolishes the lie that fathers are not necessary.**

➔ Why are Fathers Necessary in the Home?

1. To Bring Forth Children (in the Loving Context of Marriage)
➔ Genesis 4:1, 25

2. To Propagate a Family Line
➔ Genesis 5:1-4

3. To Instruct the Next Generation in Wisdom
➔ Proverbs 1:1-4, 8

➔ Note Well: Formula in the Book of Proverbs, "My Son"

4. To Recognize Children are a Gift from God!
➔ Psalm 127:3

5. To Pursue God with the Whole Heart!
➔ Psalm 128:1-4

6. To Bless His Children with Good Gifts
➔ Matthew 7:9-11 ➔ Luke 11:9-13 ➔ James 1:17

7. To Delight in His Children's Mother
➔ Psalm 128:3 ➔ Proverbs 5:18-19

8. To Discipline His Children in Love
➔ Hebrews 12:7-9

9. To Set an E_____ of Godly Living

A. Fathers Must Be Exemplary

1. Look at Paul's testimony in 1 Thessalonians 2:10

2. Paul & Team were not ashamed of their life pattern in 1 Thessalonians 1:5

B. Fathers Need to Imitate Christ

→ 1 Corinthians 11:1 → Ephesians 5:1

"imitator"

1. Paul could invite spiritual children to follow him!
2. He could do that because He Imitated Christ!

C. Fathers Must Understand that Children will Imitate Them

→ 2 Timothy 2:1-3

1. Being an example is powerful!
2. Being an example is negative or positive!

→ *Proverbs 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.*

10. To Encourage Children toward a W_____ W_____ in Christ

→ 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

A. Fathers Hold the Power of Encouragement

1. Exhortation

"to admonish, exhort...to cheer, encourage, comfort" (AS)

2. Comfort

"to speak to, address one, whether by way of admonition and incentive, or to calm and console" (THAYER)

3. Charged/Implored

"to urge someth. as a matter of great importance, affirm, insist, implore" (BDAG, p. 619).

B. Fathers Need to Urge Children toward Pursuing Christ

1. That they would have a walk befitting the God who called them

2. That they would have a heavenly focus—kingdom and glory!

11. To Leave an Inheritance of G_____ Faith

→ Psalm 112:1-3

→ THINK: What do you want to leave behind? I don't want to be like Jehoram in 2 Chronicles 21:20.

→ QUOTE: ^{GWN} "No one was sorry to see him die."

→ NOTE: What to leave behind? More than wealth is wisdom; more than finances is faith; more than goods is grace; more than savings is salvation; more than stuff is Scripture!

→ NOTE: If God blesses you so that you can leave both, wonderful! But prioritize the things of eternity!

A. Fearing God—112:1a

B. Delighting in His Word!—112:1b

C. Blessing to the Next Generation—112:2

12. To Become L_____ in the L_____ Church

→ 1 Timothy 3:4, 12 → Titus 1:6

A. Church Leadership Begins in the Home!

1. The home is a little "church"

2. A man leading in a godly way at home