

Point Man
(How A Man Can Lead His Family)
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Chapter 1

“Point Man” on Patrol/Duty/Guard

Back in 1980, Dr. James Dobson said: “The Western world stands at a great crossroads. It is my opinion that our very survival as a people will depend upon the presence of or absence/lack thereof masculine leadership in our homes. I believe that men/husbands/fathers “hold the key” to the preservation of the family.

Steve shared **three (3) specific things**: **1)** War has been declared on the Biblical family **2)** Satan has primary/specific, goals/strategies in his war on the family **3)** Satan’s main strategy in the war on the family is to neutralize the man/husband/father.

As the “**Point Man**” – you are the **leader**! Everyone else is behind you and will follow your lead. Those behind you depend upon your ability to lead. Your judgment and decisions may determine whether they live or die or become a casualty in this war.

Men, WE are **RESPONSIBLE** for **leading** our family! NOT your wife, the pastor, children/youth pastor, church, government or schools. This is OUR **responsibility** and WE cannot take it lightly or the enemy will destroy us and our families!

As the “**Point Man**” and **leader** of your family you don’t want to *engage the enemy*. You want to avoid and prevent him from *attacking your family*.

It’s on your shoulders because God has called you (us men) to be the **leader** of your family and home. Like it or not, you carry the responsibility. You are the “**Point Man**!”

1. War has been declared on our families. Leading a family through the chaos of the American culture is like leading a small patrol through enemy fire and occupied territory. Make no mistake, the casualties in this war are real. They can cost you - your marriage, children and family. **Stay alert and be on guard!**

What are you doing to keep your marriage, family and kids off the casualty list?

We must be actively working/engaged to prepare our children to defend themselves and their faith from the enemy who wants to steal, kill and destroy.

We can greatly reduce the risk of our families becoming a casualty by constantly building strength and guidance through a strong personal relationship with the Lord and teaching the truth of Scripture.

2. Satan has two (2) primary/specific goals/strategies in his war on the family

Strategy #1 - To effectively alienate and sever *a husband's relationship with his wife*

Strategy #2 - To effectively alienate and sever *a father's relationship with his children*

Strategy #3 - To effectively alienate and sever *a man from the spiritual disciplines that will keep him fit and effective for spiritual battle*

Strategy - To effectively alienate and sever *your relationship with God*

Families are dying all over America and around the world, but remember the enemy cannot kill a family without first dividing the husband and wife so that is one of the primary areas he puts his focus, efforts and attention. And unfortunately, it has been and continues to work. There are a number of statistics that show/prove it's working-just look at divorce rates, teen/unwed pregnancies, abortions, drugs/alcohol use, violence, etc.

What will change this trend in our country? One thing - when we as men, as husbands, as fathers, decide to truly *embrace* and *desire* the role that God has appointed us to and lead our families!

But the Lord God called to the man (Adam), "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9)

We have to **invest** time in our relationships with our wives and children. Not just "quality" time but "quantity" time and LOTS of it. **Invest** by showing up and showing your family (wife and kids) they are important and valuable to you and that investing in them is more important than your job/career.

The enemy will use **ANYTHING** to alienate you from your wife and children even a "passion for excellence and a desire to provide for your family."

We need to have **MORE** "passion" to be **BETTER** husbands and fathers than "passion" for our careers. Put first things first! God and family must be our **TOP** priority not our own interests or careers.

3. Satan's strategy in the war on the family is to neutralize the man/husband/father.

The enemy is no fool! He has a strategically designed plan, a diabolical method he employs over and over again. When he wants to destroy a family, he focuses on the man/husband/father (head of the household). For if he can neutralize the man/leader... he has effectively neutralized the family.

When we are trying to lead our families - we should expect to be attacked, tempted and face extreme opposition. If we are passive and indifferent to the things of God, then the attack from the enemy is not necessary.

*What do you suppose Jesus thinks about the failure of men to take their God appointed role as leaders of their family? He is probably sad and dismayed. We need men who are **SERIOUS** and will **STEP UP** to lead their families.*

The harvest is plentiful, but the "men/fathers with clear direction are few." Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out "knowledgeable, discerning, direction oriented, loving and committed men/fathers" into His harvest field.

We are not in this war alone. We need to get in "battle formation" with other men who are **SERIOUS** about their walk with the Lord and leading their families (not spineless jellyfish).

In this war, Jesus is looking for men who will dedicate and live their lives for Him and their families.

In this war on the family, one Godly man/husband/father can make a **HUGE** difference! Put a "link in the anchor" of your family for generations. (*Malachi 4:5*)

Preparation + Opportunity = Success

5P's - Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance

Bible references:

Ephesians 5:25-31; 1 Peter 5:18; John 10:10