

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

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Chapter 2

Save the Boys

First principle of being a father is being there and the **second principle** is teach them to act like men.

5 goals of an influential father:

1. *Knowing* and *obeying* God's Word
2. *Knowing* and *displaying* Godly character
3. *Knowing* and *loving* your wife
4. *Knowing* and *loving* your children
5. *Knowing* your gifts and talents *using* them to glorify God

We have to equip boys to be men who lead their families or the next generation will not be properly equipped to be leaders.

The formula to successfully raise Godly children is simple:

LESS TIME = LESS INFLUENCE / MORE TIME = MORE INFLUENCE

We 'save our boys' by giving them a **role model** to follow. When our boys have a clear **role model**, they intuitively know how to function when they assume the responsibility of marriage and parenting. But in this generation, there are *too many crippled boys* who have no idea what it is to be a **real man/father**. (Masculine Mandate book).

Errors increase with distance. In my estimation, that's a primary principle of fathering/parenting. If you are going to 'save the boys', you have to be there *physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually* (present, consistent and engaged).

The choices that you make with your family today will determine the quality of life of your family today and for generations to come.

We **must** 'save our boys', so that we can save their family and the future.

We need to continue to "put links in the chain." (fathers, grandfathers, role models)

Remember boys need the 3 A's: Affirmation, Affection and Attention

Bible references:

Deuteronomy 6:5-7; 1 Kings 2; Malachi 4; Ephesians 6; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

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Chapter 3

Real Men Don't

Let's cut the double talk and put the cards on the table. **Real men don't commit adultery!**

An *affair* is an escape from reality or a search for meaning outside the marriage. It usually starts with discontent. We feel we are entitled to happiness.

Adultery is leaving behind your responsibilities...**Real men don't have affairs because they are responsible. Real men keep their commitments.** Even when your personal needs are not being met the way that you would hope. Even when you are disappointed in your wives for some reason. And that is precisely the time when we need to be on our guard more than ever.

It is what we do in these easy situations that will either make or break you. If you don't make the right choices here, within a matter of weeks or even days you are going to get emotionally hooked.

Whether you mean to or not, you will begin to compare her with your wife, and your wife is going to lose. Why will your wife lose? Because if there are needs in your life that your wife is not currently meeting, and this woman has a great deal of respect and interest in you, your wife can't help but come in second.

The attraction is simply this: You are tired of fighting the battle at home and with this new companion there is no battle.

"We are in the greatest danger of all when we think we are safe. When a guy begins to think that this could never happen to him, then he needs to think again."

The *lure of adultery* is that another woman will truly meet your needs. The *lie of adultery* is that no other woman on the face of the earth, no matter how alluring, interesting, or beautiful, has the capacity to fully meet the needs of another human being. That's why *adultery* is the "ultimate hoax." It promises what it cannot deliver. If you are on the freeway looking for true happiness DO NOT take the exit marked "*Adultery.*" It may look like a good shortcut, but it's actually a DEAD END!

Real men protect themselves against adultery. **Real men** think about the consequences of such an act. As they do, they ponder the facts, NOT the fantasies. They consider the long-term implications of having a *fling or affair*. They count the cost.

Forgiveness is available to all. But *forgiveness* does not automatically restore the privilege of leadership. Let me offer a critical principle: In the New Testament, ***forgiveness is free, but leadership is earned.*** It is earned by the power of a man's life. Sin although forgiven has other practical consequences. A mature, spiritual leader who sins and repents is forgiven, but he is not exempt from the series of aftershocks that will come his way from his sin and disobedience.

The offices of husband and father are character professions and character matters! In our culture we have become desensitized to sin and try to make excuses and rationalize our actions/behavior and sin. We CANNOT compromise our Biblical standards or sin will no longer offend us. A sinner can repent, but stupid is forever!

Righteousness must not only be found in our pulpits, but in our homes. The home is the church in miniature, and every Christian father has been appointed pastor of his own home. Christian men, whether they are leading in the church or in their home, must seek after righteousness.

Bible references:

1 Corinthians 7:1-5

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Chapter 4

One Woman Kind of Man (“Semper Fi” - Always faithful - is a way of life)

A ‘one woman kind of man’ is **committed** with his *eyes, mind, lips, hands and feet*. The Bible tells us to flee from sexual immorality.

True commitment is burning the ships – no turning back and no other options! We have to choose **commitment** over convenience and selfishness. Suck it up buttercup and be a real man. **Real men** don’t make excuses.

Commitment is saying that no matter what comes in the future, you’re going to stick it out and won’t quit or give up! **Commitment** means that you have obligated yourself to follow through on your word. A **commitment** is your personal guarantee that you will do what you promised.

In marriage, as well as the Christian life, it’s not how you start that counts – it is how you finish and we need to finish STRONG!

I want you to note that phrase, ‘the husband of one wife.’ That phrase could be literally translated, ‘a one-woman kind of man.’ That is really the sense of the statement. One of the primary qualifications for a leader in the church is that he must be a ‘one-woman kind of man’.

But having eyes only for your wife doesn’t mean that a guy doesn’t see or notice other women. That’s impossible. And yet, because of our **commitment** to be a ‘one-woman kind of man’ with our eyes, we don’t look at other women in a way that would diminish our **commitment** to our wife. A ‘one-woman kind of man’ has purposefully cultivated a special kind of blindness.

I learned that I must anticipate and determine how I will act before I ever get into a *tempting* situation. Make a plan “Stan” and stick to it.

Temptation rarely comes during working hours (busy). It is usually in our leisure time (idle) that men are made or marred. Idle time/mind is the devil’s workshop.

We have to continual fight, even subtle, temptations of the enemy. Take every thought captive

There are times in the Christian life when extreme action is not only appropriate, but necessary.

Adultery does not begin with sex, it begins with the *mind*.

The major battlefield in spiritual warfare is the *mind*...The *mind* is where the enemy seeks to attack and control us. If he can influence our *minds*, he can influence our *behavior*.

You have to take aggressive action against *temptation*. *Temptation* itself is not sin, but a call to battle. Stand firm and put on the full armor of God.

A man has to be **committed** to his wife in his thought life....such a man protects himself from thinking or fantasizing about other women.

Too many of us have lowered our standards and given ourselves unspoken permission to fail with sexual temptation.

4 wise suggestions to help you handle and overcome problems:

- Tell someone you trust and respect about your problem
- Become accountable
- Figure out your weakness
- Develop a plan and then execute it!

Remember:

Sow a thought, *reap* an act

Sow an act, *reap* a habit

Sow a habit, *reap* character

Sow character, *reap* destiny

Bible references:

Matthew 5:27-30, 1 Corinthians 6:18

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Chapter 5

Anorexic Men and their Bulimic Cousins

Thousands of Christian men have spiritual anorexia and bulimia that is why they are *ineffective* in leading their families.

What is spiritual anorexia? *Spiritual anorexia* is an aversion to *reading* Scripture.

I asked thousands of Christian men across the United States how often in an average week they interacted with God through Scripture. Forty-five (45%) percent reported only one time a week or less. The majority of these men are committed Christians and attend church weekly. They are not on the fringes of the church. Most would be considered pillars of their local congregation. Yet nearly half of them are spiritually anorexic.

We cannot afford to be spiritually anorexic when we've been given the responsibility to lead our families. We have to stand tall and firm on the Word of God.

Spiritually speaking, bulimia is reading or hearing God's Word without personal application... spiritual bulimia is an aversion to *applying* Scripture to my life.

In the Christian life the opposite of ignorance is not knowledge, but obedience. God does not want to take a new believer and move him from ignorance to knowledge. He wants to move him from ignorance to knowledge to obedience.

Obedience means that I apply God's Word to my life and circumstances. If I don't do that, then I am bingeing and purging.

The *antidote* for spiritual anorexia and bulimia is scriptural meditation. Meditation enables us to digest the truth of God's Word. A superficial, quick reading of Scripture doesn't cut it.

A man who wants to be spiritually mature leader must put his roots deep in the Word of God.

God's Word is the best weapon you can use against the devil. Knowing and memorizing Scripture is vitally important!

Have a spiritual plan to read Scripture and pray daily "Daily Quiet Time"

1. Plan a time and place
2. Begin with Scripture
3. Make a prayer list

We need to spend at least 30 minutes a day reading the Bible and praying to stay spiritually fit.

We need a “Morning Meeting/Briefing” with the Lord as we start each day!

1. It reminds us there is a Sovereign God ruling the world and the affairs of our life.
2. It is a reminder of what is true and is “a dose of reality.”
3. It reinforces our beliefs and convictions.

Bible references:

Matthew 4:4, 2 Timothy 2:14-15, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, James 1:22-25, Hebrews 4:12

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Chapter 6

Husband & Wife Teamwork in the Marriage Cockpit

How tragic that the “family plane” crashes every day simply because husbands and wives have never understood how they are to operate and function as a **TEAM**.

Necessary principles to promote and have **TEAMWORK** in your marriage:

- Mutual *understanding/honor*
- Mutual *trust/respect*
- Mutual *accountability*
- Mutual *submission*

The word “understanding” carries with it the idea of insight and tactfulness. No one enjoys being misunderstood. It’s one of the truly miserable experiences in life. The woman who has a husband who knows when to put his arms around her and simply hold her close will inevitably feel understood. Sometimes that’s the most insightful and tactful thing we can do.

The word translated “honor” carries with it the idea of value. A mature man provides the kind of leadership to his wife that lets her know how valuable she is to him...You may deeply appreciate your wife in your heart, but when was the last time you verbally expressed your appreciation to her? Perhaps you don’t remember, but I would be willing to bet that *she* does. It’s easy to forget the importance of verbal praise in the routine of day-to-day living.

It all starts with “trust.” Trust is what motivates people to follow our leadership, *whether at work or at home*. And trust must be earned!

Scripture indicates that God holds the man responsible/accountable for decisions made in the family.

But how does a wife measure the sacrificial love of her husband? For some reason, wives have the uncanny ability to measure our sacrificial love with the accuracy of a yardstick. They can recognize it from miles away. They intuitively know there is a direct correlation between service and sacrifice. And it usually comes out in the little things that spring from a right attitude.

“Accountability” is a willingness to explain your actions. Mutual accountability simply means that husband and wife are to be accountable to one another. You explain your actions to her and she explains hers to you.

One of the main reasons marriages are going down in flames is the husband has a distorted or incorrect understanding of the word “submission.”

We need to get one thing straight. “Submission” is NOT just an issue for wives...Submission is a responsibility that applies to every one of us. Submission is inescapable and universal. Everyone submits... we are all under God’s authority.

Let me be really clear here! Mutual submission *does not mean* that the husband and wife take turns being the head of the home. That is the man’s main and primary assignment. It means that the husband demonstrates and models the concept of submission in his own life when the situation calls for such a response...It means, gentlemen, that you take the lead in your submission to Christ to such an extent that you become a model for your wife. A man’s willingness to serve his wife and meet her needs will provide an environment and a stimulus for her to respond in submission to his leadership.

A mature Christian husband leads and is recognized by:

- He loves his wife *sacrificially/unconditionally* and with *understanding/respect*
- He encourages his wife with *verbal praise* and *encourages* her to use her gifts

Bottom line: There are only two words a man/husband has to remember about leading his wife/family and they are “*just as*.” Jesus is our role model! Love your wife/family “*just as*” Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for it.

Bible references:

Ephesians 5, 1 Peter 3:7, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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Chapter 7

Restoring the Ancient Boundaries of Gender and Marriage

The **first ancient boundary** the enemy is trying to remove is that marriage is between one man and one woman and the **second** is gender is fluid or can change. Nothing could be further from the truth and without exception, every civilization that has abandoned these boundaries has gone down (been destroyed)

God puts boundaries in place for a reason and they are to protect us, but the enemy is lying to people and they believe that God is trying to “withhold” or “take away” good things that we should be able to enjoy.

For thousands of years, **gender** HAS NOT BEEN fluid and **marriage** HAS BEEN between one man and one woman, but those values are being SERIOUSLY challenged today! Satan detests boundaries and has been systematically removing them.

Make no mistake God is being slapped in the face with sexual immorality and the sexual identity of our culture is being destroyed on a daily basis – all by the deception of the enemy.

The enemy has harnessed and is using everything available: all forms of media, entertainment, education system, legislators, policymakers, courts and unfortunately even some churches.

We must take hold of every spiritual weapon (put on the full armor of God) and use every resource the Lord has provided. We must be strong in the Lord and in His might. Remember the battle is His and the enemy is NOT all-powerful, but God is.

Bible references:

Genesis 1:27, Proverbs 22:28, 1 John 4:4, Psalm 127:3-5, Matthew 6:30-34

Book - Gender Ideology by Dr. Sharon James

The Birth of a Tangent – from original book

Raising children is a blessing and a heritage from the Lord. Perhaps more than ever before, the desperate need of our culture demands godly homes that produce godly children. God will protect and care for your children. Ultimately, they belong to Him anyway. We should not let the erosion of our culture prevent us from having children and trusting God to use them to make a difference. Go ahead and have kids and give your concerns to the Lord.

Christian homes are the salt of the earth. But if we stop producing salt, what will happen to our influence?

If you stop and think about it, financial security is a figment of the American imagination. It is here today but could all be gone tomorrow. **The only security in the entire world is found in Jesus Christ.** *Every other kind of security is an illusion.*

God begins to take away our **selfishness** by giving us children for whom we would do things we would never do for anyone else.

Those afflicted with great **selfishness** will find that as the years go by, God will use your children to chip away at the **selfishness** clogging your life. Before long, you'll find yourself doing things for other people you never thought possible. That's what the Bible refers to as spiritual growth.

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Chapter 8

How to Raise Masculine Sons & Feminine Daughters

Ephesians 6:4 is our **compass** and **true North** that enables a father to give his children correct guidance toward finding their sexual identities...We live in a world of confusing and wrong sexual information. An Ephesians 6:4 father is the **compass** that boys read to find the correct path to masculinity and girls read to find the right road to femininity.

Let me shoot straight with you. If we will function as the loving heads of our homes, respect and love our wives, and follow the guidelines of Ephesians 6:4, our children will not grow up to be sexually confused. Homosexuals are not born they are made.

In every case I have seen they (sexually confused children) were raised [involving homosexuals who were raised in evangelical Christian homes], their fathers were either spiritually anorexic or bulimic. These children may have had the Scripture drilled into them at home and church, but somewhere along the line, their fathers did not give them the accurate bearings they desperately needed.

Moral Landmark #1 - Fathers should raise their children with **fairness**

Life is not always fair, but fathers should not embitter their children by:

1. Overprotection
2. Favoritism
3. Discouragement
4. By forgetting that the child is growing up, has a right to have ideas of their own, and do not have to be an exact copy of their father
5. Neglect
6. Bitter/harsh words or physical cruelty

The idea behind the word exasperate is 'do not embitter'...This kind of anger in children springs from continual and habitual unfair treatment... Habitual unfair treatment over the years results in an accumulation of anger that eventually embitters children toward their fathers.

We can damage our young boys by overprotecting them and by creating fear that they may get hurt. Little boys who are constantly overprotected are in jeopardy of having their masculinity warped. Obviously, we are to teach them to use good judgement. But we are not to squelch their aggressiveness. They will survive the scars and broken bones of boyhood. But they cannot survive being feminized through the perpetual fear of getting hurt. God made boys to be aggressive. We are to accept it and channel it.

Discouragement is one of the easiest ways to embitter a child without realizing what you're doing. It can easily become a habit we are unaware of...a deadly habit.

By forgetting that the child is growing up, has a right to have ideas of their own, and need not be an exact copy of their father.

Parents work very hard and they're acquiring things that they feel are important for their children. And yet vastly more important things are happening. *They're not spending quality time with their children*, at least not very much. **Do not get distracted and focus on the wrong things** (things this world can offer and use your TIME wisely).

Moral Landmark #2 - Fathers should raise their children with **tenderness**

1. Listen to them and respect their feelings
2. If you have been wrong or too harsh, be man enough to admit your mistake and ask for forgiveness
3. Listen to your wife's input (she can help you be tender)
4. Be "hands-on and engaged" and also be encouraging

The word translated in Ephesians 6:4 as 'bring them up' means 'to nourish, to provide for with tender care.' Masculine men are tender men.

Children can quickly become embittered toward fathers when **tenderness** is missing. Just exactly what is tenderness? It's a sensitivity toward others...**Tenderness** has different facets like a carefully cut diamond. If you look at **tenderness** from one angle, you'll see sympathy. If you look from another, you'll notice compassion. **Tenderness** also carries the ideas of responsiveness, warmth, and kindness.

They need dads who are interested in the stuff of their lives. *They need dads who will listen before they spank.* They need dads who will give them plenty of hugs and kisses...Children need dads who are kind/tender.

It is especially important that fathers be tender toward their daughters. A man who does not convey acceptance, warmth, tenderness, and compassion can easily embitter his children deeply.

Moral Landmark #3 - Fathers should raise their children with **firmness**

There is a balance between firmness and tenderness that good fathers constantly try to achieve. Most of us tend to err on one side or the other. But we must strive to maintain that balance for the sake of our children.

Boys must be raised in the same way. They must experience that same warmth, tenderness, and affection. When a boy is embittered by a father without a gentle and understanding side, the effects can be devastating. When a boy has a father who has modeled tenderness, it will be much easier for that boy to give the same tenderness and understanding to his children when he becomes a father.

5 guidelines to raise children as a “firm Father”:

1. Take the lead
2. Establish boundaries
3. Clear expectations/consequences
4. Be consistent
5. Balanced

Moral Landmark #4 - Fathers should raise their children **in Christ**

Ephesians 6:4 says children are to be raised in the discipline and admonition of the Lord... [**Discipline**] refers primarily to *what is done to the child...* [**Admonition**] refers primarily to *what is said to the child.* The **purpose** of this discipline and admonition is to *build character in our child(ren).* Children need to know what the limitations are. They need fathers who love them enough to set boundaries and keep them.

Do you take the lead in matters of discipline in the home, or do you leave it to your wife? According to Ephesians 6:4, it is clearly your responsibility. That doesn't mean, of course, that your wife doesn't discipline the children. But it does mean you are the one that **sets the standards**, **enforces the standards**, **models the standards**, and **appropriately disciplines when the standards are violated**.

The phrase '...of the Lord' refers to the quality of training in the home. This is what ensures quality control... His [the father's] **primary purpose is to train the child, not abuse the child**. The fact that he is under the influence of this quality control – rather than out of control - is in and of itself an example to his children of the way they are to handle their children when they become parents.

Bible references:

Ephesians 6:4, Hebrews 12:9-11

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Chapter 9

Save the Girls

Fast Fact #1 - Girls need relational connection

Intimacy and *connection* are driving forces in your daughter's life.

Lesbianism is ALL about intimacy and connection gone WRONG!

Girls don't need us to "fix their problems." They need fathers who listen, understand, engage and connect with them in meaningful ways.

Fast Fact #2 - Girls long to feel safe/secure

In the teen years, girls struggle with "security and identity"

Remember girls need the 3 A's: Affirmation, Affection and Attention

Fast Fact #3 - Girls process the world differently than boys (imagine that)

Girls are "more complex developmentally" and "have more layers than boys." They "process" things differently. They are usually more verbal, deeply emotional more aware and in touch with things/feelings "below the surface." They tend to have a "sixth sense" and can "read between the lines" of situations.

Fast Fact #4 - Girls face significant challenges as teenagers (different than boys)

In the teen years, girls struggle with trying to "fit into the women's club."

Girls can be meaner/crueler than boys and tend to hold on to things/feelings more than boys.

Fast Fact #5 - Girls need healthy boundaries

Don't be afraid or reluctant to shepherd/lead your daughter. They need discernment and protection from less-than-honorable boys, bad friends and situations.

They might try to use "you don't trust me" but it's not about trust! It's about keeping them safe and that is our job as fathers.

Fast Fact #6 - Girls need fathers who are actively engaged

They need our time and attention too be involved and engaged in their lives.

Statistics show that girls who spend time connected and involved with their fathers are less likely to drink alcohol, take drugs, have sex outside of marriage and become pregnant or have an abortion.

Fast Fact #7 - Girls need to be assured of their beauty

Pay close attention to your daughter's appearance and feelings. They will be told by others and the world they need to "look a certain way." Remind her God created her exactly how she is and she is beautiful in His sight.

Slow Fact #1 - Biblical femininity is under attack

Satan is the father of feminism because he is the "father of lies."

Slow Fact #2 - Biblical sexuality is under attack

Remember lesbianism is ALL about *intimacy* and *connection* gone **WRONG!**

Personality plays a BIG part in femininity and sexuality confusion

Bible references:

Genesis 2, John 8, Ephesians 5, 1 Peter 3, Proverbs 31

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Chapter 10

Telling your kids what you don't want to tell them

It's your **responsibility** (men/fathers) to teach boys the "fundamentals of sexuality" and "how everything works." It is essential, especially in our culture, that children get their information about sex from their parents. The reason it is so essential is that there are quite a few others who want the job and will misinform them.

Maybe the thought of talking to your son about sex embarrasses you. Allow me to suggest that although you may feel some embarrassment, there is nothing to be embarrassed about and let me tell you their friends are not embarrassed to talk or tell them about it. As Dr. Howard Hendricks expresses it: 'We should not be ashamed to discuss that which God was not ashamed to create.' They need to know sexual relationships are designed for a husband and wife in a committed relationship.

I'm convinced that the reason most people don't educate their children about sex is that their parents did not educate them. As a result, sexual ignorance is passed from generation to generation. It's time to put a new link in the generational chain. If you teach your kids about sex, they will teach their kids, and their kids will teach theirs, and so on down the line.

A man/father is responsible to teach his children about sex. As a rule of thumb, fathers should teach their sons and mothers should teach their daughters. But the father, as head of the family, has a responsibility to make sure that each child is given the proper and correct instruction by the appropriate parent at the right time.

As you read sections in Proverbs about sex, notice that the father is clear, direct, and takes the initiative. He describes sexual situations that probably will come up in his son's life, then offers the wisdom needed to handle the situation correctly. Solomon practiced preventative medicine. He wanted his son to know what steps to take in the event a tempting circumstance arose.

Proverbs 5 shows us that a father is to talk straight with his son about the boundaries God has put around the gift of sex. Notice that the father doesn't mince any words. He attempts to prepare his son for what might occur long before it happens. This is precisely what we are to do as leaders of our homes.

If you are a 'one-woman kind of man', you should be equipping your sons to enter the marriage covenant with sexual purity and truly be a 'one-woman kind of man' from the first day they are married.

The policy is easy to remember: *Get to your kids before their peers do!*

Whatever you do, create an atmosphere where they feel comfortable in coming to you. If you don't, they will go to someone else.

You never know when a teachable moment is going to show up. When one does, make sure you teach...take full advantage of these times. They are gifts from God.

Let them know that they can ask you anything and get a straight answer. This is the cardinal doctrine of parental sex education. If you establish this, it doesn't matter what they hear somewhere else, they will come to you for clarification. At certain points, you may have to swallow hard before you answer, but whatever you do, don't skirt the issue. Deal with it head-on. This kind of honest dialogue will be the greatest investment you will ever make. It will pay dividends in your relationship for the rest of your life.

The key word in all of this discussion about sex is not rules, it is relationship. Our children should know that there are rules, but they should learn about them only from the context of a relationship that is open, warm, and loving... **'Rules without relationship equal rebellion** - either active resistance or passive indifference.'

Bible references:

Proverbs 1 and 5, Matthew 7, 1 Corinthians, Joshua 24

Point Man

Chapter 11

Start your own Nation

It was relatively easy to follow Jesus in the United States for the first two hundred plus (200+) years, but those days are over! Christianity is under significant attack.

We need Jesus to be the “King of our Nation” and use the Bible as our Constitution. We MUST serve Him in our life/work, love our wives, teach/nurture/discipline/love our kids.

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 strategy in the war on the family is to neutralize the man/husband/father.

A “**Point Man/Leader**” DOES NOT leave his post or abandon his position until Jesus sounds the retreat if you quit or leave your sons are likely to do the same. ACTIONS speak louder than words and usually more is caught than taught!

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

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

Your sphere of influence

God has strategically placed you in a specific area to be an influence and Christian example to this around you. There is no way to measure the impact of a strong, Christian family in our dark and disillusioned culture. Your leadership is CRITICAL when the culture around us is crumbling!

Babylon Directive - Orders from the King of Kings:

Build houses – go ahead and dig in for the long haul

Plant gardens and eat the produce – provide for your family and don’t be fearful

Get married and start a family – Find a Godly woman, get married and have kids

Prepare your kids for marriage – show them and teach them the Biblical way

Be a good citizen – be a Christian example of how to live

Surrounded by not subdued

As Martyn Lloyd Jones put it, “Faith is a refusal to panic.” God has a plan and He intends to use you to achieve it. It is not an accident that you were born in these days or that you are raising children/grandchildren at such a time as this. God promised to give you the tools and the skill to wage this kind of battle and He will fight for you because He is on your side.

I understand that starting a new nation may seem overwhelming. But know this: it can be done and it will be accomplished one day at a time.

It’s an enormous Herculean task to lead a family, but with the power of God supporting you, it’s a tremendous privilege! If we are willing to become the “Point Man” in our families, we can count on God’s support and power. He’s looking for men who will follow Jesus Christ and burn their ships behind them. When He finds those men, He will take extraordinary measures to buttress, bolster and carry them along in His limitless strength.

Bible references:

Genesis 7, Matthew 24, 1 Peter 2, Ephesians 2, Joshua 24, 2 Corinthians 10 and Jeremiah 29