**FATHER’S DAY**

*Country Bible Church, 2018*

I. Instructions for Fathers:

1. God gave you authority over the family, therefore TAKE CHARGE!
2. Hopefully, this standard was discussed and accepted by your wife before you were married. If it wasn’t, this is a good time for her to learn how God intends marriage and family to operate under the chain of command He has ordained, ***Eph. 5:22-6:4.***
3. Since God gave you the leadership role of your family, if things are out of kilter, who is to blame?
4. Men who whine and complain about their households demonstrate that they are not in charge, or they are a

 lousy leader.

4. The best way to be a good father is to be a good example. Good leaders don’t expect more of those under their charge than what they expect of themselves. If you give them love, respect, encouragement, and praise, you more than likely will get the same in return.

5. Two principles to remember:

1. It is normal for subordinates to test those who have authority over them but if you don’t assert your authority, you’ll lose it. But even worse, they will lose respect for you.
2. You get exactly what you expect from those under your authority. If you let subordinates be sloppy, lazy, and mediocre, they won’t like or respect you, nor themselves.

6. You don’t have to be a tyrant or dictator to get a lot from those you are responsible for. You only need to be firm and fair. You shouldn’t feel guilty for making rules and seeing that they are followed. That is you job.

7. Taking charge does not mean that you lose your thoughtfulness, sensitivity, or compassion, it means that you you’re your family enough to take responsibility for the well-being.

8. If those under your care seem to resent you for taking charge; if they get angry and accuse you of being the spawn of Satan, don’t let that deter you. Remember, respect is more important than a pseudo love that is based on your wife and children getting their own way.

9. Your relationship with God is more important than your relationship with your family, and your relationship

 with Him cannot be right if you wimp out on taking the leadership role he designed for you as husband and father.

1. You are responsible for protecting and providing for your family.

***Luke 11:21 . . . When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe.***

***1 Tim 5:8 . . . If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever*.**

1. You are responsible for training your children.

***Prov 1:8 . . . Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake* *your mother's teaching*.**

***Prov 4:1-4 . . . Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding, for I give you good doctrine. Forsake ye not my law. For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments and live.***

***Prov. 23:22 . . . Listen to your father who begot you . . .***

***Prov 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.***

D. You are responsible for disciplining your children.

***Prov 3:12 . . . For whom the Lord loveth he reproveth; Even as a father reproveth the son in whom he delighteth*.**

***Prov 23:13-14 . . . Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.***

***Eph 6:4 . . . And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.***

NEVER discipline your children in anger, remembering that they need your praise and compassion as much as they need discipline from you.

1. You should be shown proper respect.

***Prov 20:20 . . . Whoso curseth his father or his mother, His lamp shall be put out in blackness of darkness.***

***Prov 30:17 . . . The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.***

***Exod 21:15&17 . . . And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death. And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.***

***Exod 20:12 . . . Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.***

Your wife’s respect for you will help teach your children to show proper respect

1. By her not correcting or overruling your decisions or what you say.
2. By her not giving you orders, shouting, or talking down to you.

1. By her treating you like you are the King of the castle. By teaching the kids that Daddy is the King, the mother

 makes herself the Queen and the children learn to act like princes & princesses, future kings & queens in

 training.

1. You can’t squeeze an hour in here and there when it is convenient for you to be with your children, call it quality time, and think all is well. You must make special time for them. It is your duty. They are worth it and you will be very glad you did someday.

*A young successful attorney said: “The greatest gift I ever received was a gift I got one Christmas when my dad gave me a small box. Inside was a note saying, “Son, this year I will give you 365 hours, an hour every day after dinner. It’s yours. We’ll talk about what you want to talk about, we’ll go where you want to go, play what you want to play. It will be your hour!” “My dad not only kept his promise,” he said, “but every year he renewed it—and it’s the greatest gift I ever had in my life. I am the result of his time.”*

 *—Moody Monthly*

*God’s Word has established the dominance of male leadership in the home. Children need fathers who consider familiarity with God superior to handling a bat or fixing a doll house; who freely talk to their children about God and to God about their children; and who zealously strive for the Christlikeness that assures the willing submission of all family members to their leader- ship. God wisely provided complementary roles for fathers and mothers, choosing to trust primary responsibility to fathers. 6-15-08*