

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
Nov. 18th, 2018
Eph 6:4 / Col. 3:19-20

RECAP: Last week, we looked at men, and godly husbands, what their role is in relation to their wives specifically. But the role of men and husbands in a godly family does not end chiefly with this.

PREMISE: In Scripture, there is a broad understanding that men are supposed to be involved in the spiritual growth of their families. It is the role of the husband to raise up godly disciples of Christ.

BIBLICAL EVIDENCE:

- OT LAW: **Deut. 6:1-2, 20-25**, OT WISDOM: **Prov. 1:8-10; 2:1-5**, NT EPISTLES: **1st Tim. 3:2-5. Eph. 6:4 and Col. 3:20-21.**

EPHESIANS 6:4 (to children)

- First, note that this verse again has a very similar text in **Col. 3:21**, but here in Ephesians, again, there is more elaboration on the nature of what this looks like.
- Fathers are called **“not to provoke”** your children. In both cases, the Greek verb here means to “generate strife or discord” among them.
- **“Discipline in the Lord.”** This particular word is the word “ek-trepho,” which means “to rear up, build up, nourish.” You grow and rear up someone in something.
- **“Instruction in the Lord.”** This Greek verb, “nou-timami,” means, “to put someone in the mind of.” So this is not just action, but information. As fathers, it is your God-given duty to teach your child of the Gospel, the Scriptures, and the knowledge of God.

EPHESIANS 5:25-26 (to wives)

- **1st Cor. 14:35**, husbands are clearly the direction wives are supposed to look spiritually for questions or difficult problems in the faith, making the husband key in that headship. Also, in **Eph. 5:25-26** Husbands are also to be working with your wives and building up their spiritual guidance and life!
- **How do we do this?**
 - George Whitefield, in his sermon *The Great Duty of Family Religion*, “*It is true indeed, parents seldom forget to provide for their children’s bodies, but then how often do they forget, or rather, when do they remember, to secure the salvation of their immortal souls?*”
 - Voddie Baucham, states in his book *Family Shepherds*, “*Family worship isn’t a full-on church service every day; instead it’s a brief time of devotion before the Lord. Giving fifteen to twenty minutes a day to these simple practices will transform your family.*”
 - Don Whitney, in his book *Spiritual Disciplines*, “*In my pastoral ministry, I have encountered many more professing Christians who faithfully discipline themselves to attend corporate worship, but they neglect the regular practice of privately worshipping God. There is hardly a more common pitfall on the path to godliness.*”
- **Conclusion: We are called as husbands to lead families, children, wives, and ourselves in the practice of growing in Christ. We will never be able to do this alone. So let’s rely upon Chris, pray for God’s strength, and rely on the fellowship of like-minded believers.**