



BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP BEGINS AT HOME

4 ACTION WORDS

Text: Genesis 2:7, 15-17; Ga 3:28; Ephesians 5:21-6:4; Various

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WE NEED SPIRITUAL LEADERS, AT HOME, AT CHURCH, IN THE WORLD.

- The way in which the Spiritual leader leads the family is different from leadership in the world.
- Biblical leaders lead in humility, submission and obedience to God (Ge 2:7, 15-17; Ga 3:28; Cl 3:18-19).
- I eagerly desire to share 4 simple action words with you this morning and what they are about.
- Biblical Leadership starts at home with these four words:

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GO!

- Both Matthew and Mark's account of the Great Commission start with GO! (Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16)
- "While you're in the kitchen would you grab me a cola?"
- God knows you have plans... places to go... people to meet... But as you are going make God a part of everything you do.
- Proverbs 3:6 (TLB) -In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success.
- Make God a part of you family life, a part of business, and even a part of your free time.
- As spiritual leaders we need to make God a priority in all we do.

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TELL!

- We are to be God's witnesses... to the very ends of the earth.
- Being a witness starts at home.
- God commanded the Israelite Men to diligently teach their families what Lord expected of them...including the servants (De 6:7-9).
- Perhaps evangelism wouldn't be such a foreign thing to us if we would start by teaching our families.
- As spiritual leaders we need to tell everyone about Jesus.

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DO!

- We know we are to do good works (Ep 2:10; Mt 5:16; Mt 25)
- COMPASSION: Mercy and Grace begins at home.
- We need to show mercy to our wives and love them the way Christ loves the church. (**EPHESIANS 5:21-27**)
- We must show mercy to our children and grandchildren by offering them forgiveness and grace and teaching them obedience to the Lord (**EPHESIANS 6:1-4**)
- When we show mercy and grace at home it makes it easier to extend it to others.
- As spiritual leaders we need to do whatever is necessary to show compassion and love to others.

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BE!

- Perhaps the hardest of all is to be the person that God has called us to be.
- He has called us to be Godly MEN in a world that hates MEN.
- But just remember... they hated us because they hate Jesus. (**Jn 15:8-9; Mt 10:22**)
- Not only are you to "BE" what God has called you to be but you are to inspire others to "BE" all they can be for the Lord.
- As Paul said, "Follow me while I follow Jesus." (1 Co 11:1)
- As spiritual leaders we need to do set an example of being what God has called us to be.

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ARE YOU READY?

- God has called men to be spiritual leaders... Are you ready?
 - There are at least three benefits to spiritual leadership in the family:
 1. The wife never needs to worry about her husband embarrassing her for a moral indiscretion because she knows his commitment is to the Lord first and foremost.
 2. The children feel safe and secure because dad has made a commitment to God and the family to be there for them.
 3. The church benefits from men who have their house in order. Effective leadership at home means effective leadership in the church.
 - No family is perfect: God offers grace and restoration to those who are willing to humble themselves, submit to God, and follow him in obedience.
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