

Building Strong Families: Becoming Godly Husbands and Fathers
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Husbands - "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." - Ephesians 5:25

- I. Being vs. Becoming - Development in order to fulfill the commandment to love. Become is a verb which entails action. It means to begin to be, grow to be; turn into or the process of coming to be something.
 - A. How we are to love - as Christ. The implication of this statement is that there is an example. Our spiritual development is for us to become like Christ.
 - B. Pastor's rule - I die first
 1. John 3:16
 2. Hebrews 12:2
 - C. Characteristics of loving as Christ. What does death look like
 1. Sacrifice
 2. Selflessness
 3. Concern
 4. Attentiveness
 5. Obedience
 6. Etc...

Fathers - "Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth." Psalms 127:4

- I. The Way of the Warrior
 - A. "You can't lead anyone else further than you have gone yourself". Gene Mauch
 1. II Samuel 21: 15-19
 - B. Your development, or lack thereof, has implications far beyond yourself.
 1. Your children will inevitably face the giants of the world.
 2. Come to an understanding that your children have purpose
 - C. Characteristics of warriors

1. Skillful
2. Focused - No distractions!
3. Wise - war requires wisdom, not just knowledge
4. Leadership
5. Experience
6. Etc...