

A Higher Calling

Deuteronomy 4:9 - God's _____

Remember where you _____

Remember what the Lord has _____

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Deuteronomy 5 - God's _____

Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Deuteronomy 6 - _____

you have to know _____ before you can live _____

You have to _____ before you can _____

You have to know _____ before you can _____

You have to be a _____ before you can _____

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Prioritize What Matters Most

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 - It's Your _____

Make _____ that lead to _____

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Your Kids Will...

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Random Thoughts:

You can't give what you don't have

A leader is someone who is one step ahead of the group.

Be one day ahead in your Bible reading.

Don't fail to start because you can't do everything right now.

Your wife isn't looking for you to be Jesus. She is looking for you to lead yourself, admit when you are wrong, and lead her and your family towards Jesus. It is better to try...fail and repent from time to time...than to never try at all.

Pursue the Lord over your wife

Pursue your wife over your kids

Pursue your kids over your job

Serve your wife before your kids

Serve your kids before yourself

Take care of your wife's needs before your own.

Take care of as many of your wife's wants as you can.

Be a good steward of what God has given you. (time, talent, treasure, yourself)

Honor your mother the way you want your kids to honor their mother.

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Questions to ask yourself:

Have you taught your kids more about sports, video games, guns, computers, and cars than you have about God and His word? What changes can you make today to make a change?

If your wife described what mattered most to you, what would she say?

If your kids described what mattered most to you, what would they say?

If an investigator looked through your bank records and what you have spent your time on since the beginning of this year, what would they conclude are your top 3 priorities?

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Scripture to consider:

LEAD YOURSELF

Hebrews 12:11

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Proverbs 15:5 ESV

A fool despises his father's instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent.

LEAD YOUR WIFE

1 Peter 3:7

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together.

Ephesians 5:25-33 ESV

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,

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LEAD YOUR KIDS

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 14:26

Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.

Psalms 127:3-5

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

Proverbs 20:7 ESV

The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them.

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LEARN FROM GOD'S EXAMPLES

Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.

Matthew 7:9-11

"You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

LEAD YOUR FAMILY

Joshua 24:15

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. And do everything with love.