
FATHERHOOD AND THE CALL TO GODLY LEADERSHIP

Scripture:

“The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.”
—Proverbs 20:7 (KJV)

A godly father is more than a figure in the home—

He is a **foundation** in the home.

He’s not just a voice of instruction—he’s a model of direction.

He doesn’t just pay bills and mow lawns—he **carries a mantle**.

This world needs more men who don’t just look the part, but **walk the path**.

Not perfect men—but *just* men.

Men of **integrity, prayer, and purpose**.

Point 1: He Stands Before God First

The first calling of a godly leader is not public leadership—it’s *private surrender*.

Before a father can properly lead his children or cover his wife,
he must first kneel before his **Heavenly Father**.

Joshua 24:15

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Notice the order:

He said, *“As for me... and my house.”*

Because **you can’t lead your house into what you won’t live yourself**.

Your children don’t need a superhero—they need a *submitted man*.

They don’t need a man who knows every answer—

They need a man who knows **where to go when he doesn’t**.

A godly father doesn’t just react—he inquires.

He doesn’t just act tough—he stands tender before the throne.

He’s not afraid to lift his hands, bow his knees, and say,

“Lord, I need You to lead me so I can lead them.”

Point 2: He Leads With Consistency

Leadership isn't about charisma—it's about **credibility**.

And credibility comes through **consistency**.

You don't have to be the loudest voice in the house to be the most powerful one.

You don't have to quote scripture like a preacher to walk in godliness.

- Be consistent in your prayer life.
- Be consistent in your decisions.
- Be consistent in your love, your presence, your discipline, your humility.

Proverbs 27:6

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend..."

How much more a father?

Your children may forget the lecture—but they'll remember your example.

They'll remember how you apologized after you got it wrong.

They'll remember the way you opened your Bible in the living room.

They'll remember how you treated their mother.

They'll remember what you said when no one was watching but them.

The world is filled with inconsistent voices.

But a father who walks in **integrity** becomes a **north star** to his family.

Point 3: He Builds What Will Outlive Him

A godly man is not just thinking about **now**—he's building for **after**.

He's not just trying to raise respectful kids—

He's raising a *righteous generation*.

He's not just protecting the home—

He's preparing **arrows for the future**.

Psalms 127:3–4

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord... As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth."

What kind of arrows are you shaping?

Fathers are blacksmiths in the Spirit.

Every word you speak. Every time you correct. Every time you affirm.

You're sharpening something that will be launched farther than you'll ever go.

You may never build a church, start a ministry, or pastor a congregation—

But if you raise a son or daughter who does, you've done **kingdom work**.

Your leadership doesn't die with you—it multiplies after you.

Proverbs 20:7

"The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."

Not "talketh."

Not "intendeth."

Not "meaneth well."

He *walketh*—day in and day out.

Through struggle. Through blessing. Through weakness. Through strength.

And the Word says his children are **blessed after him**.

Because **a father's footsteps become a child's foundation**.

Men, lead well.

Lead from your knees.

Lead with love.

Lead through correction.

Lead through storms.

And lead by example.

You don't have to be perfect.

Just be *present*.

Be *submitted*.

Be *faithful*.

Be *godly*.

Your walk will bless your house.

Happy Father's Day.