

The Father and the Mother

The Father

- How does a father lead and shepherd in his home? What is the biblical pattern?
 - He _____ himself a living sacrifice to God and is no longer conformed to the pattern of the world but is _____ in his mind by God's Word so that he can discern God's good pleasing and perfect will (Romans 12:1-2)
 - In light of God's grace to him, he _____ from sin in daily repentant faith.
 - He renews his mind with the transforming truths in the _____ of _____.
 - He _____ himself "no" to the old patterns of his heart and puts on a new way of thinking and desiring based on God's grace toward him and the life God enables him to live in Christ.
 - He _____ God with all his heart and loves others.
 - The children know Who Dad worships and relies on.
 - The children _____ and _____ Dad walk with God, confess sin, renew his mind and replace worldly thinking and living with Biblical truth that honors God.
 - He loves his wife as Christ loves the church (Eph. 5)
 - He _____ his wife in her walk with Christ (her sanctification) through growth in God's Word - both he and her.
 - He makes it a _____ to love her, care for her, and cherish her.
 - He _____ God's pattern for the marriage:
 - Leaving his parents to be married to his wife and establish the home.
 - Fulfilling God's pattern of marital oneness and unity.
 - He _____ (Eph. 4:1) walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which he has been called (the wonderful and extravagant grace of God in Christ)
 - He _____ (Eph. 5:1-2) be an imitator of God and walk in love just as Christ loved him and gave Himself for him
 - He _____ (Eph. 5:15-16) be careful how he walks, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of his time since the days are evil
 - Out of reverence for Christ, he will live with his wife in an understanding way – considering how God has created her, the position God has placed her in, giving her equal honor as God's creation with you. (1 Pet 3:7)

- Build a pattern of _____ with her for the children and the priorities of the family.
 - Build a pattern of _____ to God in prayer for direction, help, and strength for the tasks before him.
- Our marriages should set the example in our homes – so our children see the wonder of God’s salvation, the fulness of his love, the sufficiency of God’s grace and strength to guide and help us.
 - Be sure to create a _____-_____ home and not a _____-_____ home.
 - Just as there is _____ in creation and in God’s design of marriage, the home also needs an order. For example, the children obey and honor their parents out of reverence to God. Children can also be given and taught responsibilities which aid their maturity (both physical and spiritual).
- The father helps to create a home environment (Eph. 6:4) where:
 - The children are _____, _____, _____ and _____ in the ways of Christ.
 - It is _____ to speak of God and His Word (Deut. 6:4-9) in all aspects of life.
 - _____ is guided by the Word.
 - The family schedule and activities are _____ by the Word.
 - The family has _____ and _____ together through shared experiences!
 - The _____ are not embittered, provoked, or discouraged.
 - The children must see a humble example of living by faith.
 - There must be a healthy balance of guidance, principles, and correction.
 - They must be “brought up” or “nourished” in the Lord.
- The father responds to trials and suffering in faith, in thankfulness, and in trust/confidence in His heavenly father.
 - He _____ the pain of living in a fallen world balanced with the hope of help now and certain hope of eternal reward.
 - He _____ a life of contentment in God and His ways – both for himself and his family.
- The father humbly depends on God’s strength to guard his mouth – to honor God with his words.
 - Psalm 34:13, 39:1 – _____

- Psalm 141:3 – _____ on God
- Proverbs 12:18 – consider the _____ of words
- Proverbs 15:1-2 – _____ and _____ words
- Proverbs 15:23, 16:24, 25:11 – _____, fitting words
- Proverbs 17:14 – the wisdom of _____ a quarrel
- Ephesians 4:29 – _____ unwholesome, only good for others
- Colossians 3:8-10 – _____
- James 1:26 & 3:8-10 – _____

The Mother

- How does a mother help in building the environment of the home?
 - She _____ God's pattern for the marriage & home:
 - _____ to her husband's servant leadership, just as she submits to the Lord.
 - _____ her husband.
 - Respect shown in her _____ and her _____.
 - Respect when he is _____ present - consider talk among peers.
 - She _____ (Eph. 4:1) walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which she has been called (the wonderful and extravagant grace of God in Christ).
 - She _____ (Eph. 5:1-2) be an imitator of God and walk in love just as Christ loved her and gave Himself for her.
 - She _____ (Eph. 5:15-16) be careful how she walks, not as unwise women but as wise, making the most of her time since the days are evil.
- What is the focus of her trust?
 - Ephesians 5 & 1 Peter 3 - both involve submission to God, dependence on God, and _____ for God.
 - It is from this trust in God, this dependent position, that the wife can confidently honor God in the home:
 - Helping/completing and respecting her _____.

- The _____ will see that her hope and confidence are in God
- How should she respond when her husband fails?
 - Since the heart reveals what we treasure, desire, and worship, a wife can learn about the desires of her heart when her husband fails in any aspect of his God-given responsibilities.
 - And he will fail, likely often.
 - Take these _____ to turn from wrong desires and make this an occasion to learn to fear and trust God alone.
 - Consider your _____ (Eph. 4:29-32)
 - Refer back to the list of Proverbs about the helpful and timely use of words.
 - Consider your _____ expressed in words, body language, and actions (Eph. 5:33).
- The wife and mother can be the husband's greatest _____ warrior and supporter.
 - He _____ your help and prayer.
 - Your _____ is part of your obedience to the Lord.

Father & Mother Summary and Questions: