

Fathers: God's Point Man of the Family 2 Timothy 2:1-10

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The Bible often describes life in terms of a spiritual warfare. As Christians, we are in enemy territory (2 Cor 4:4; Eph. 2:1-3; 6:10-18; James 4:4; 1 Jn 2:15,16; 5:19; Phil 2:15) on mission for our King and Commander in Chief. (Col. 1:13; Phil. 2:13-16; 1 Peter 2:9)

Most are “unaware” of the battle and therefore unprepared! But none are unaffected!

In fact the first time the word “Command” is found in the Bible is in Genesis 18:19 where God says of Abraham: *‘For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring that which he hath spoken’* God has commissioned the Father to act as the Point Man to safely lead his family. The danger is far more significant (if less obvious) than safely navigating the jungles or deserts of a distant country. We face an enemy that is infinitely more dangerous and your success or failure has eternal implications.

How do we succeed in our God given mission to safely lead our family “units” safely through this hostile world?

1. Accept your Responsibility!

A. To lead. Eph 5:23 *“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church, and he is the savior (sōtēr’: protector, deliver) of the body...”*

1 Thes 2:11-12 *“We exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.”*

(See also 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 6:1,2)

B. To Love. Ephesians 5:25 *“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;... 29 nourish and cherish, even as the Lord the church:”*

Eph 6:4 *“fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up (ektrephō: to train, mature) in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”*

Dad’s, If you don’t lead and love them; someone else will!

2. Know your Enemy. Eph. 6:12 *“we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*

A. Satan’s strategy has always been to “Divide and Conquer.”

1) He seeks to divide the Family (Spiritually, Emotionally, or Physically) so as to leave them increasingly isolated and therefore vulnerable to his attacks.

Mt 12:25 *“every house divided against itself shall not stand!”*

B. In times of intense warfare:

1) Sometimes soldiers desert their point man to find their own way, often resulting in their getting ambushed & captured by the enemy. (Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl)

a) In much the same way, family members can rebel against the leadership of God’s Point Man and end up a casualty of spiritual warfare.

2) Sometimes Point Men (leaders) go AWOL, leaving their families vulnerable to attack.

Mark 3:27 *“No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man, and then he will spoil his house.”* See also 2 Tim. 2:4

3) Sometimes the Point Men (Fathers) are simply careless and lead their family “unit”

into danger. 1 Timothy 4:16 *“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”*

- 4) At all times, the point man is the easiest target and will come under the greatest enemy fire!
- Point Men (leaders) are under attack!
 - The most dangerous source of attack is from those in their own unit who are *(knowingly or unknowingly)* cooperating with the enemy!

There are many forces at work seeking to sabotage the Father and Family.

Examples of some not so “friendly” fire include such organizations as “NOW”.

In a NYC home in the 60’s N.O.W. was conceived. Dr. Kate Millett (author of “Sexual Politics” was the 1st Chairwoman. According the Kate Sister Mallory (who was present) this meeting included the following “catechism”:

“Why are we here today? *To make revolution!*

What kind of revolution? *The Cultural Revolution!*

And how do we make Cultural Revolution? *By destroying the American family!*

How do we destroy the family? *By destroying the American Patriarch! (Father)*

And how do we destroy the American Patriarch? *By taking away his power!*

How do we do that? *By destroying monogamy! (they shouted)*

How can we destroy monogamy?

By promoting promiscuity, eroticism, prostitution and homosexuality!”

These types of societal attacks on manhood has caused most men to withdraw into confusion and/or cowardness, With devastating results!

Conclusion:

You are God’s “Point man”! The real question is: Where Are you leading them?

Alfred Nobel was a Swedish chemist who invented Dynamite (1867) at the age of 32.

He hoped and wrote that: “My dynamite will lead to peace...”

In 1888 he picked up a French Newspaper and was shocked to read his own obituary. (It was his brother who had died) He noticed that instead of referencing his 335 different inventions, the actually newspaper obituary actually described him as: *“The merchant of death!”*

He purposed to change his legacy, leaving 94% of his wealth to creating the foundation we know of as the “Nobel Peace Prize”.

Application:

Where are you leading your family? (What “legacy” will you leave?)

How can we change our legacy?



- 1) By accepting our God-given Responsibilities as His Point men.
- 2) By Recognizing the real enemy.
- 3) By Getting equipped by developing the qualities necessary to safely and successfully lead your family.

Challenge: Can you prayerfully consider and discuss what qualities a good “Point Man” should cultivate? I recommend using “Point Man” as an acronym to assist you in identifying at least 8 such qualities that will help you be a more courageous and consistent leader.

I would welcome your feedback as I prepare to discuss this next Sunday!