

Men's Breakfast – January 20, 2024

**Leading your family in a way that pleases God
takes persistence, patience, and humility.**

Deuteronomy 6 - Persistence

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (ESV) 4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NIV 1984) 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Ephesians 6 - Patience

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV) *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV) *Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

Ephesians 6:4 (NLT) *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.*

1 Peter 5 - Humility

1 Peter 5:5-7 (NIV) 5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7
Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:5-7 (ESV) 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Wrap-up

- **Lead yourself before you try to lead others** - don’t wait for perfection in yourself
- **Be persistent** - look for the formal and informal times to instruct your children
- **Be patient** - be patient with yourself, be patient and consistent with your children
- **Be humble** - seek to be real before God and know that he loves you in spite of your flaws; you can then be real before your children, letting them know that they are loved
- **Trust in the Lord** - cast your anxiety about your parenting upon him because he cares for your children and for you