

# ***Leading & Loving Your Flock at Home***

## ***Selected Scriptures***

### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the “How to feel like a wretch about your role as a husband and father” seminar

Gratitude to Dave and Ironmen and Flint Hills

- For friendship
- for excellent conference, care – and setting me up again

first time to teach at Ironmen – the non-controversial, easy subject of should women work outside the home –

This time – how to lead your family

I never do get the easy subjects

- how to be a Christian at work – how to read your Bible better - etc.

I get the ones that either get me death threats – or create deeper expectations at home

I don't want to teach this seminar – and I need to teach this seminar

- there was that day when I had that conversation with my wife – “what are you teaching at Ironmen” –
- she is very interested in what I am going to say
- great, godly wife – who expects me to apply everything I say from the pulpit – not content to let me sound good without being good

I am always excited to come to Ironmen – especially when I am not teaching at Ironmen – it is more convicting for me to teach than to merely come

So – I am a learner in this process – I am a plagiarizer in this subject – I would rather listen on this subject – I am not an expert

- many of you have been married longer than me – better husbands than me – better shepherds than me

My aim is to merely share from God's word and some practical implications

Let's not make this more than it should be – nor less than it should be.

What we are talking about here:

Consistently living out your Christianity at home.

- with your wife and children

No secrets – not something different for a Husband, than a Pastor, than an employee/employer

- the other seminars should be emphasizing some of the same things – how do you live out the Word of God because of the impact of the gospel in a particular context of life

Be a consistent Christian in your home.

So – our Plan for today – arrange my content around 3 Headings – and within those headings – we are going to look at 4 different emphases to understand, plan, and pursue

Be biblically thoughtful about your leadership at home

Be purposefully intentional in your leadership at home

Be consistently practical in your leadership at home

Within each of these 3 headings

- look at understanding, planning, and pursuing issues related to your role, the curse, the gospel, and biblical goals

## **I. BE BIBLICALLY THOUGHTFUL ABOUT YOUR LEADERSHIP AT HOME**

### **1. Be biblically thoughtful about your role at home**

Isn't

- formally – Pastor, Priest, King, Savior
- do not exclude these formal roles from influencing your home with the thought that you are all of these things to your family
- In practical ways You might be a shepherd, an interceder, a leader, and a provider – but you are not the sole Pastor, Intermediary, Sovereign, or Redeemer of your family
- Let the community of Christ and the Person of Christ have their respective roles in your life and in the life of your family

Remember the context of the Body of Christ analogy – you need others to be complete – you are not an all-sufficient source of Spirituality for your family

- know your place –

Is:

**Leader** – 1 Cor 11:3 – leader not source – you are a leader under leaders – but, yes, you must lead

**Lover** – Eph 5:25ff; Col 3:19 – see the Gospel-context of these – these are results – don't make them live on their own

**Discipler** – Matt 28:19ff – apply the Great Commission to your home

**Provider** – get the audio of my seminar from 2 years ago

**Protector** – Gen 2 & 3 – protect from spiritual and practical danger

**Servant** – Phil 2:3ff – how do you apply this at home

- even in practical issues like intimacy – Scripture says your role is a self-sacrificial servant who finds personal joy in satisfying another – not in demanding for yourself – 1 Cor 7

## **2. Be biblically thoughtful about the impact of the curse on your home**

Gen 3 & 4

- the difficulties of work will challenge you
- your leadership will be challenged
- your children's natural heart direction will challenge you

## **3. Be biblically thoughtful about the gospel's implications in your home**

You are insufficient – Christ is all sufficient

The gospel is first about God and restoring his glory as the priority of life – don't live in a manner otherwise

God should be your consuming priority

The Gospel is what overcomes the curse's challenges

**4. Be biblically thought about the Bible's priorities in your home**

Glorify God

Make disciples

Love Your Wife

Shape Your children

All I am emphasizing here is to remind yourself of what Scripture emphasizes – get this in your head

Secondly – you need to do this in a purposefully intentional way with your family:

**II. BE PURPOSEFULLY INTENTIONAL IN YOUR LEADERSHIP AT HOME**

**1. Be purposefully intentional in fulfilling your roles at home**

**2. Be purposefully intentional in confronting the effects of the curse in your home**

**3. Be purposefully intentional in applying the gospel in your leadership at home**

**4. Be purposefully intentional in defining biblical goals in your home**

**III. BE CONSISTENTLY PRACTICAL IN YOUR LEADERSHIP AT HOME**

**1. Be consistently practical in applying your roles at home**

**2. Be consistently practical in overcoming the curse's effects in your home**

**3. Be consistently practical in displaying the gospel in your home**

**4. Be consistently practical in accomplishing biblical goals in your home**

**CONCLUSION**