

Family Members Passing on the Faith, Especially Fathers

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Why is This Important to Us?

- ◆ Young children – how do I lead more devotions in family?
- ◆ Older children – keeping them connected as they go off to college
- ◆ Grandchildren – how do you minister to them?
- ◆ How do we minister to our own families?
- ◆ How to encourage family participation – not just mom
- ◆ Extended families – how do we replace this aspect with our mobile society
- ◆ Divorced father – how to influence children in faith

How do we get fathers involved without making it another pressure on them?

Assets on Which to Build (Resources)

Books:

- ◆ The Christian Husband
- ◆ Group Publishing Curriculum for Fathers & Sons together
- ◆ She Calls Me Daddy
- ◆ Raising Up Boys James Dobson
- ◆ Boundaries Cloud & Townsend series of books, possibly book on Boundaries in Marriage, Parenting

Recommendations

- ◆ Personal contact to get men involved.
- ◆ Resources needed to help family get a start in sharing faith at home (Youth & Family Institute, Focus on Family)
- ◆ Emphasis in pre-marriage counseling on Christian responsibility of fathers in the family
- ◆ Teach men to share their stories with other men.
- ◆ Teaching young men about their responsibility – identify a role model – talk with them about the destructive factors as well.
- ◆ Mentoring program within the church.
- ◆ Helping people restructure their time (schedules) – setting priorities and boundaries.
- ◆ Small group discussions involving men and women – open discussion on family.
- ◆ Determine family roles.
- ◆ 2 year old Sunday School with parents in room.
- ◆ Encourage husband & wife teams to fill positions.
- ◆ Keep open mind & communicate with family members who aren't Christian.
- ◆ 2006 TLR Material – Sharing our faith story.
- ◆ Discipleship Training