

I am Fathered

Ephesians 6:1-4

A Word to Children: (v. 1-3)

Obey & Honor (Exodus 20:12)

A Word to Father's: (v. 4)

Parents are the chief influencers in their children's lives.

Mom & Dad need to agree

Father's bear primary responsibility

Don't provoke your kids to anger

Being a Good Model Means Being Involved:

Model the way = practice Godliness

Integrate Instruction (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

Action Steps:

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

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Discussion Questions

The Father Wound has been defined as "an ongoing emotional, social, or spiritual deficit, ordinarily met in a healthy relationship with Dad that must now be overcome by other means.

1. How would you describe your relationship with your dad growing up? What is your attitude now towards your father? If you could sit down and 'bare your soul' to your father, what would you say to him?
2. Have you ever been wounded by an absent dad? In what way? Have you been provoked to anger by your dad? Did you experience abuse? Was he emotionally absent? Did he publicly humiliate you? Was he never fun or generous? Have you reconciled with your father on these issues?
3. Are there things you are doing (or not doing) with your children that may cause them to be wounded later in life?
4. What are the areas that you are struggling most with your children right now? Are you (mom & dad) on the same page when it comes to parenting?
5. How does this subject relate to SINGLES? Ladies, should you consider a man who's not willing to take the responsibility for the well-being of the family and is unwilling to be a good father who raises his children? How will you know? Men, how can you discern if a woman will be a good wife and mother?
6. What does it mean to leave a LEGACY? If life stopped today: how would someone write/define your legacy? Are you taking personal responsibility in your life to leave a God-honoring legacy to those under your authority and influence?
7. One thing for sure, regardless of our station in or stage of life....we all need to be quick to forgive those who have hurt us AND ask for forgiveness where we have hurt others? Ask the Holy Spirit if you need to act in one of these areas.