

Getting Started: Single parent homes and absentee fathers is the leading family failure of our generation. In what ways might a father who is present still be guilty of absenteeism?

Bible Study

Read: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1. What is to characterize our relationship with God the Father according to verses 4 and 5?
2. How would such a relationship with God impact our approach to fathering?
3. What strikes you from verses 6-9 about the scope of this responsibility?
4. How might you work these principles out in practice? And what are the opportunities in your everyday family life to do so?

Read: Deuteronomy 6:10-25

5. What is the greatest danger facing parents and children in a materialistic society and how are you to actively guard against it? (vv. 10-25)

Discuss

1. What do you most struggle with in yourself and the culture that directly affects your fathering?
2. What would you most like to be remembered for by your children and how are you going to seek to make that happen?
3. What ideas could you discuss with other men in your church about developing Christian fatherhood amidst the demands of work, church, and family?
4. Discuss specific ways that you might be more faithful in prayer for your children.

Going Deeper:

5. According to Genesis 18:19, what did God commend about Abraham's fatherhood? Passing on the faith to our offspring is a goal of Christian men, but it is easier said than done. What could fathers do to promote faith in each developmental stage: children, teens, and young adults?