SIMPLE FAMILY

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<u>SOMEBODY</u> <u>ELSE</u> can do your job but <u>ONLY</u> <u>YOU</u> can be their father.

Top 5 Responsibilities of a Father.

1. LOVE your family.

John 13

³⁴ Jesus said, "Love one another, just as I have loved you."

1 Corinthians 16

¹⁴ Do everything in love.

Love is finding a way THROUGH not a way OUT.

2. <u>LEAD</u> your family.

Proverbs 4

¹⁰ My child, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life. ¹¹ I will teach you wisdom's ways and lead you in straight paths.

<u>TELL</u> them with your words and <u>SHOW</u> them with your actions.

Ephesians 6

⁴ 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.

Legacy is passing on what you <u>KNOW</u>, <u>LOVE</u>, and <u>VALUE</u> to the generation behind you.

3. PROTECT your family.

Protect them PHYSICALLY.

Nehemiah 4

¹⁴ Nehemiah said, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

Protect them SPIRITUALLY.

John 17

¹⁵ Jesus prayed, "I am not praying that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."

Protect them EMOTIONALLY.

Proverbs 4

²³ Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

4. <u>PROVIDE</u> for your family.

Provide a home that is SAFE and SECURE.

Proverbs 14

²⁶ He who fears the Lord is secure in confidence, and his children shall have a place of refuge.

Provide a home that is <u>GRATEFUL</u> and <u>CONTENT</u>.

1 Timothy 6

⁶ Godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, so we cannot carry anything out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

Provide a home that is <u>GODLY</u> and <u>BLESSED</u>.

Proverbs 20

⁷ The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.

5. ENJOY your family.

• Enjoy the <u>SEASON</u> that you're in.

Ecclesiastes 3

- ¹ For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.
- Enjoy the <u>UNIQUE</u> way that God created them.

Psalm 139

^{14a} Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex.

• Enjoy the FRUIT of your labor.

Psalm 128

¹ How joyful are those who fear the Lord - all who follow His ways! ² You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How joyful and prosperous you will be! ³ Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine, flourishing within your home. Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees as they sit around your table. ⁴ That is the Lord's blessing for those who fear Him... ⁶ May you live to enjoy your grandchildren.

Group Discussion.

Q: Which 1 of these 5 do you need to work on the most?

LOVE - LEAD - PROTECT - PROVIDE - ENJOY

Q: What ACTION do you need to take based on the truths from today's lesson?

Q: What's one way you can ENJOY your family this week?