

On Behalf of the Children

On behalf of the children, God is seeking ...

III: _____ Men

One of the primary problems in our time and culture is the example that men are setting for their children. The Apostle Paul said ... ***Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you (Phil. 4:9).*** God said of Abraham in Gen. 18:19 ... ***For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.***

Part of the process of a man keeping a hedge of wickedness from his family is to be a godly example to his family.

Be an example in how to _____ God

Be an example in _____

Everyday, we hear story upon story of the wickedness in our world. Everyday it seems that someone has derived some new evil that they wish to perpetrate onto you and family. Everyday ... we hear of crimes / cruelties that tack place ... we hear of things that 20 years ago would be considered wicked and destructive, but now they are celebrated.

God is still searching for a man on behalf of children. He is searching for a fearless man, a church man, and an exemplary man to put a hedge about his family. A man He can trust to stand in the gap; a man He can count on to be faithful to train up his children for the next generation. And a man that reflects Christ.

Men, what does God find with you?



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Ezekiel 22:30

Happy Father's Day! God's design and duty for father's is that they provide a hedge for the institution of the family against wickedness and that they stand in gap of before God that He not destroy the land. There is no doubt that the condition of our nation is directly connected to the diminishing of fatherhood in our culture. The Bible tells us that God searched for man but could find none.

With this in mind on this Father's Day, let's see the kind of man that God is looking for *on behalf of the children...*

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Throughout the Bible we find God not only telling us but also commanding us to be fearless. And He does so because fearlessness ...

A. engages God's _____

Jer. 1:8 ... **Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.**

Josh. 1:9 ... **Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.**

Romans 8:31 ... **If God be for us, who can be against us?**

B. evokes God's _____

Pro. 29:25 ... **The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.**

2 Tim. 1:7 ... **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

In a day and culture when truth seems to be less and less relevant, God is searching for men who are not afraid to stand on the truths of His Word. Men who will stand upon His promises and live according to His purpose.

Men, would you say this morning you are fearless? Can you say that God has found his man in you?

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I: _____ Men: Eph. 6:4

Lackluster attendance and involvement in the local church are an indication of a person's spiritual condition. Husbands and father's are to make it a priority to ...

A. _____ their children

nurture = tutor / education or train by
implication disciplinary correction:

B. _____ their children

admonition = call attention to / mild rebuke or
warning:

While the responsibility to *train up their child in the way that they should go* ultimately falls upon the parents, God has given parents a great tool, that He calls the church, to help in that process.

Children need to see faithful dads, giving dads, loving dads, broken dads, and challenged dads going to church to find help and encouragement. Children need to see men who gladly serve Christ in the church. Men who are not intimidated or embarrassed by spiritual matters but rather feel at home talking and teaching Christ to their children. Men who will stand for what the church stands for, which is Christ, truth and righteousness.

If men are to put a hedge around their families and stand in the gap, they must realize that the greatest tool that God gives them, in conjunction with His Word and His Holy Spirit, is the church.

So men, would you say this morning that church is a top priority for you?